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## GERMAN SOCIALISTS OPPOSE MILITARISM

Manifesto Says Nation Driven  
Into Wicked War by  
the Kaiser

## WORKERS TOLD TO AWAKE WORLD IS APPEALED TO

Carnage in Europe Called  
Stupendous Crime, Brings  
50 Years Ruin

London, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post has received from Herr Karl Bernstein, who writes from Rotterdam, the following translation of a new year's appeal to be issued to the Socialists of Europe and America by the committee of the German humanity league. "Dear Comrades: On the eve of a new year, which opens up a period of fear and ruthless crime unparalleled even in the massacre rolls of our nation's infamous accomplices at Constantinople, we appeal to our brethren on the continent of Europe and in the United States of America not to hide themselves behind the screen of neutrality.

"We are face to face with the enemies of mankind. The German nation, driven into this wicked war by the Kaiser and his military entourage, is a nation which has been stained in the reeking and by the false records circulated in every state in order to deceive our compatriots, has recklessly hurled itself blindfolded against forces which sustained by indisputable moral considerations show no signs of weakening in their determination to expel from Belgium the troops which have covered her in habitants with blood and irreparable injuries, an innocent nation our rulers had sworn to protect.

"We ask you to remember that the territory of no German state has been menaced by the allies, who are lawfully and honorably defending the rights of the cruelly outraged Belgians.

"Follow workers, can you longer remain idle and silent spectators of these stupendous crimes? Are you forever to be dumb in view of the awful scenes of carnage in Flanders, in Belgium, in Alsace and Lorraine? Do you not see amid the maiming and slaughter of innocent, unarmed old men, women, children and infants at breast, that the Kaiser has covered our nation with irreparable infamy, and that the toll of war means the sacrifice of the precious lives of the fathers and wage-earners in a devilish campaign barbarous in its methods upon sea and upon land? Already in the months our homes, our trade, our enterprises have been ruined for at least fifty years and if this war continues the loss of life and economic devastation will scourge the Fatherland for a century.

"We know that from authentic intelligence which reaches us that the Russian, indignant and deceived democracy now undergoing privations and pursuing its grief cannot be restrained by force from making an active protest and we most earnestly appeal to every comrade who cares for maintenance of international obligations to strive his utmost to crush and sweep away forever the domination of Prussian militarism within Germany, which by its conspiracy against humanity, has disgraced and humiliated our nation in the eyes of the civilized world.

## ANOTHER ROMANTIC TALE FROM GERMAN WIRELESS

Paris, Dec. 28.—A second official announcement was made by the French war office this afternoon. It is as follows: "An official German communication dated December 26 and transmitted generally to all stations, where wireless telegrams are copied, refers to the fact that it often happens that the shells used by the German field artillery do not explode. At the same time the statement is made that these shells were taken by capture from the French or the Belgians.

"The Germans, who daily have excellent opportunities to observe the efficiency of the French artillery have now discovered a new quality in our guns. This is that they are dangerous only when operated by Frenchmen.

"Let us believe that this is only one more of the romantic tales painstakingly spread abroad by the German wireless system."

## AZUMA AND IDZUMO REPORTED.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 28.—The Japanese armored cruisers Azuma and Idzumo sailed from Callao several days ago in to Puerto Pizarro, near the northern boundary of Peru. On Sunday they left that port, sailing in a northeasterly direction.

## SOLDIERS OF KAISER REFUSING TO FIGHT

German Dead Bound Together  
Are Shipped East to  
Be Burned

The Hague, Dec. 28.—According to a traveler in Belgium, who has just returned to Holland, the Germans in the west have received heavy reinforcements. He says he saw about 58,000 men pass through Cologne for the front in Belgium. Emperor William also had arrived there.

Other German troops, according to Belgium reports, refuse to go to the front. At Strohbrugge a transport train of three hundred maniacal soldiers who had refused to fight is said to have been sent. They were reported on their way to Aix la Chapelle to be court-martialed.

A Belgian from Bruges says he crossed the Dutch border through the kindness of an old soldier who said he did not wish to enforce the order keeping all Belgians in that hell.

The Belgian was overcome with horror on seeing two trains filled with dead soldiers, bound four and five together and literally stacked in the cars. The trains were directed through to Germany, where the bodies were to be buried.

The German soldiers said they were determined to present to the Fatherland a valuable holiday present in return for the many gifts they have received from home. Their objective was Calais. Along the coast near Hazele the second line of the German defense had been strengthened with great trenches having roofs of reinforced concrete. For one and one-tenth miles a covered position for men and guns has been constructed.

## WAR PREMIER'S TOPIC

## AT WINNIPEG LUNCH

Sir Robert Borden Says Can-  
ada's Whole Heart is in  
Crushing of Prussianism

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—In an address before the Canadian club at luncheon today Premier Sir Robert Borden traced the steps Canada was taking to make her weight adequately felt in the war, and declared that the end would not come until Prussian militarism had been crushed. He uttered a word of warning against making haste too fast.

"The preparation must be thoroughly and adequately made," he said. "It would not be only useless but criminal to send our citizen-soldiers into the field of battle without the organization, training and discipline which are essential under conditions of modern warfare.

"We are making ready for the day," he went on, "when the hosts of Germany shall be driven back within their own frontiers and until the Prussian oligarchy and its dominance over the German people shall come to a deserved and inevitable end."

After outlining the effect the war has had in bringing together the component parts of the empire, the premier said it was probable that if the war should last another year the four free nations of the Overseas Dominions would have put into the fighting line a quarter million men. In closing, he said: "There is but one way to deal effectively with the Prussian spirit of force and violence and the Prussian ideal of absolutism. It must be smashed utterly and completely. The sooner that is accomplished the better for the German people and for all the nations. Canada joins wholeheartedly in that great task. What has been done is known to all. What remains to be done shall be limited only to the need."

## THIRTY-NINE SENT HOME.

London, Dec. 28.—The third batch of thirty-nine undesirable attached to the Canadian contingent at Salisbury, were shipped to Canada during the week-end on board the Hesperian.

## CANADIAN WOUNDED.

London, Dec. 28.—Yesterday's list of wounded included Second Lieutenant E. H. Greenwood, Royal Engineers, formerly of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

## BRITAIN WATCHING COMMERCE ON SEA

United States Protests Against  
Detention of Cargoes From  
American Ports

## PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS DAMAGES MUST BE PAID

Conference Being Held in Lon-  
don Between Ambassador  
and Sir Edward Grey

Washington, Dec. 28.—Official Washington awaited with considerable interest the outcome of the conference in London to-day between Ambassador Page and Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, for the presentation of a long note from the United States, insisting that the legitimate commerce of this country should not be unduly molested by the British fleet.

The president said that the government could not deal confidently with the subjects, only if supported by absolutely honest manifests. He said the great embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed contraband in cargoes of non-contraband articles, for example, under a cargo of cotton. So long as there were instances of that kind, the president said, suspicion was cast on every shipment and all cargoes were liable to doubt and suspicion.

The communication prepared by President Wilson and his advisers in the state department, reached London to-day and was regarded here as the strongest representation on the subject of commerce made by the United States to any belligerent since the outbreak of the war.

In view of the important principles laid down in the note, it was expected to have a far-reaching effect on the attitude of other neutral countries toward the general subject of contraband. Some diplomats thought it might hasten the calling of the conference of neutral powers proposed by Venezuela to revise rules of international law for the protection of neutral commerce.

The note was not the result, it is understood, of any particular violation by Great Britain of what Washington considers its commerce rights, but was intended as a protest against the general attitude of the British government, to which France has practically adhered in the treatment of neutral cargoes.

President Wilson, referring to-day to the American note to Great Britain, declared that large damages eventually would have to be paid by Britain for unlawful detention of American cargoes.

The president pointed out that many protests previously had been sent in specific cases but that if the contention of the American government was correct, as he was firmly convinced it was, plans for indemnification ultimately would have to be met by Great Britain.

Supplementary to previous protests, the note, President Wilson explained, represented fully the position of the United States, saying as far as the theory was concerned, there really was no debate on the point raised because Britain in previous wars had taken exactly the position now taken by the United States.

The president was asked if the communication sent to Great Britain was the result of the recent gathering of Pan-American diplomats here. He said it was not, but that the position of the United States would apply to any neutral country, and that the contentions advanced were not peculiar to this country. He added that the note of protest was based on the generally accepted principles of international law.

Foreign diplomats, especially those from neutral countries, discussed the note to-day, and members of congress, who had protested to the state department on behalf of merchants and shippers of copper, flour, wheat and other products in which trade had been restricted, expressed satisfaction with the attitude of the government.

Some administration officials expressed the view that when Great Britain realized the tone of public opinion on the subject in the United States her attitude would be modified and American industry, hitherto halted, would go forward.

## LABOR MEMBER ELECTED.

London, Dec. 28.—W. C. Anderson, chairman of the National Labor party, to-day was elected unopposed for the Attercliffe division of Sheffield, succeeding James Pointer (Labor) deceased.

# Allied Armies in West More Than Hold Their Own Against Germans Russians Masters in Carpathians

## Austrians Who Were to Form Extreme Right of Concerted Attack Are Falling Back From Biala River to Dukla Pass Other Situations Unchanged

London, Dec. 28.—British observers of the progress of the war point this morning to the admission in the Austrian official announcements that Russia is once more master of the passes in the Carpathians and that the troops along the entire Austrian front from the Biala river to a point northeast of the Dukla pass are falling back.

This means the withdrawal of virtually all the forces which swept across the mountains to form the extreme right in the concerted Austro-German attack on the Russian armies, and it makes another surprising reversal of form on the part of the Austria soldiers, whose battle fortunes since the outbreak of hostilities have been conspicuously erratic.

## Germans Holding Crossing on Lys.

Elsewhere in the eastern arena of the war little change has been recorded, while on the western front the slow and tedious trench warfare goes on unimproved with only slight gains on either side.

The British press concedes the importance of the trenches near Hollebeke, south of Ypres, which have been taken by the Germans, and points out that the strategic value of these positions has been emphasized recently in a dispatch from Sir John French. They command an important crossing of the river Lys to which the Germans have been holding tenaciously. The taking of these trenches gives them a stronger foothold.

Fear of a Zeppelin raid over London which recently has more or less subsided, has been replaced by the possibility of a raid by German aeroplanes. The comparative ease with which British airmen reached Cuxhaven has driven home the idea that a retaliatory visit would not present any greater difficulties.

All the machinery to meet air invaders has been tightened up. The official warning as to the steps to circumvent danger, heretofore issued only in coast towns, is now being circulated in London.

## RUSSIAN CRUISER IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

United States Naval Officer  
Clears Up Affair of Threat-  
ened Bombardment

Washington, Dec. 28.—Capt. Oman, commander of the armored cruiser North Carolina at Beirut, Syria, informed the navy department to-day that it was a Russian cruiser and not an American vessel which recently threatened to bombard Tripoli.

Captain Oman's explanation was made in response to a request from Secretary Daniels. It was filed at Beirut, Syria, and is as follows:

"On December 23 the Russian cruiser Akhoid sent boats with armed men on a reconnaissance near Tripoli, Syria, at the village of Banias. Before arrival at the beach the boats grounded in shallow water and the crews of the boats were forced by the people. At the threat of Turkish authorities to imprison the boats' crews, they were informed that the Russian cruiser would bombard the village in such an event, and consequently no one was made prisoner. No shots were fired."

"The Russian boats crews left the vicinity when the boats were floated. Since December 9, no American merchantman has been south of Alexandria. The reconnaissance of Beirut, Syria, is frequently made by British, French and Russian cruisers. Everything is quiet at Beirut."

## CANADIANS WILL GIVE ALL TO MOTHERLAND

London, Dec. 28.—Cap. James Seddon, formerly Socialist member of parliament for Newton, Lancashire, who was just returned from a Canadian tour, says that in conversation with leading Canadians he found determination to see the motherland, through with the double business, even if it meant the last man and the last shilling. Every body is looking forward to a substantial increase of prosperity when the war is over.

Canadians said Mr. Seddon, were particularly impressed with the British navy's power. They say that long lines of German liners are unable to leave American ports.

In conclusion Mr. Seddon said that he found the American working classes as fully in sympathy with the allies as others.

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## French Occupy Village in Belgium, Gain Ground in Argonne, Are Investing Stein- bach in Upper Alsace and Take Apre- mont Trenches

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French official statement on the progress of the war, given out this afternoon, refers to comparatively minor French successes and mentions the bombardment of certain French positions by German artillery. The French have occupied a village in Belgium; they have gained ground in the Argonne and they are investing Steinbach in Upper Alsace. The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium the village of St. Georges has been occupied by our troops, who have established themselves in this location.

German Bombardment From Lys to Somme.

"From the Lys to the Somme the enemy has rather violently bombarded our positions in the vicinity of Rehille, at Saubin, at Lequesnoy and at Pouchoir, to the northwest of Roys.

"There has been calm along the front, between the Somme and the Argonne.

"We have gained a little ground in the Argonne, notably in the forest of LaGrurie, in the forest of Bolante, and in the forest Courtechausse.

"On the heights of the Meuse several German counter-attacks have been repulsed in the forest of Le Bouchot, which is northeast of Troyon.

"The forces of the enemy which had occupied our trenches in the vicinity of the redoubt in the burned forest to the west of Apremont, have been driven out after three successive counter-attacks.

"In Upper Alsace, following a violent engagement we are to-day closely investing Steinbach and our forces have taken possession of the ruins of the chateau which is located to the northwest of this village."

## FUNCTIONS AT OTTAWA FEW FOR THIS SEASON

Opening of Parliament Quiet; No  
State Ball or Drawing Room  
to Be Held.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The opening of the coming session of parliament will be devoid of the pomp of former openings. There will be no fuss or feathers in the red chamber when the Duke of Connaught reassembles, his advisers and reads the speech from the throne.

Khaki will be the predominant tint of the uniforms, war and preparations for war will be the main feature of the speech. The troops who escort the governor-general and his consort to the house will, many of them in all probability, be men who will go to the front soon after.

The drawing-room and the state hall, the two greatest annual events in Canadian society, have been called off because of the war in which Canada is engaged.

Only the state dinner will be held. Social events at Government House this season are few and far between, for every day brings news of bereavement to one or the other side of the household from the battlefields of Europe.

The New Year's levee will be held at noon on January 1st.

## HOTEL LICENSES ARE SUSPENDED AT WINNIPEG

Those Who Kept Open After 7 p. m.  
Christmas Eve Are Penalized  
by Government.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—It was announced to-day that the provincial license department has suspended licenses of all hotels where bars were open after 7 o'clock on Christmas eve in defiance of the wishes of the government. This affects all but ten of the hotels in Winnipeg, these being of the first class, and hotels all over the province. In Portage la Prairie licensed premises were open, but in Brandon the hotel keepers closed at the regular hour of 7, and therefore are not affected. The suspension is effective from receipt of the notices from the license department to-day until 7 o'clock in the morning of New Year's Day.

## NO SUNDAY CLOSING AT SAN FRANCISCO FAIR

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—There will be no Sunday closing at Panama-Pacific exposition. President C. C. Moore has announced that the gates to the grounds and the doors of all exhibition buildings will be open every day from February 20 to December 4. All exhibit palaces except those of fine arts and horticulture, however, will be closed at sunset every day.

## LOSSES THROUGH MINES TO SCANDINAVIAN SHIPS

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—Total losses to Scandinavian shipping through mine disasters were as follows up to mid-December: Sweden, eight ships and sixty lives. To this total must also be added Holland with three vessels and fifteen lives. The total financial loss for the twenty-two ships and their cargoes will reach nearly \$10,000,000.

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES IN CAMP AT SALISBURY

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Canadian casualties at Salisbury Plain include Private George Meade, No. 2 field ambulance, who died of influenza at Burford Manor hospital, and Private John Oxnard, of the 17th battalion, who is seriously ill. Both men are of English birth.

## GERMAN REPORT DOES NOT SHOW ANY DEFEAT

No Account Given of How French Re-  
took Trenches in Burned Forest  
Near Apremont.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The German official statement given out in Berlin to-day says the German attacks in Poland have made progress and that Russian advances have been repulsed.

In the west the Germans claim gains near Nieuport and Ypres; they defeated the French not far from St. Menchould, captured a trench west of Apremont and repelled attacks elsewhere.

The text of the statement follows: "In the western arena of the war we gained some ground after relatively unimportant engagements near Nieuport and to the southeast of Ypres. "Several strong French attacks to the northwest of St. Menchould have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. We captured 200 prisoners.

"An advance in the burned forest to the west of Apremont led to the capture by us of one fortified French trench and three machine guns. French attacks to the west of Senheim have been repulsed.

"No changes have taken place in the situation in East Prussia.

"In Poland, on the right bank of the Vistula, on a branch of the Buzza and on the Hawka rivers, our attacks have made progress. In the region south of Lodz strong Russian attacks have been repulsed."

## REINFORCEMENTS ASKED IN PATRICIA REGIMENT

One Hundred and Nine Men Wanted  
Will Be Sent From Soldiers  
Now Training.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Orders were received here this morning for a first draft of reinforcements for the Princess Patricia (Canadian Light Infantry), totalling in strength ten per cent. of the battalion. This is taken to indicate here that the command is about to engage in battle and that the overseas authorities are anticipating the usual ten per cent. a month reinforcements required by commands in the field.

The orders ask the commanding officer of troops here to nominate for the battalion a captain, two lieutenants, five sergeants, one bugler, five corporals, five lance-corporals and 109 privates. These men will be sent to the battalion as soon as overseas transport can be arranged.

It is expected the draft will be made from those already in training here for the second contingent.

## FRENCH LOSE SUBMARINE.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The ministry of marine to-day issued an announcement confirming the loss of the French submarine Curie in Austrian waters, as has been previously reported.



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GENERAL ALDERSON IS  
NOT LEAVING CANADIANS

London, Dec. 28.—The Canadian Associated Press tonight received a telegram from General Alderson, the commanding officer of the Canadian contingent, reading as follows: "There is no truth in the report of my leaving the Canadians."

UNIONIST MEMBER FOR  
HOWDENSHERE IS DEAD

London, Dec. 28.—Henry R. H. Broadly, Unionist member of Parliament for the Howdenshire division of the east riding of Yorkshire since 1906, died suddenly this morning at his Yorkshire residence. He was sixty-one years old. In 1888 Mr. Broadly was married to Miss Belle Tracey of Pennsylvania.

## LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

BRITAIN'S WAR RUN  
ON BUSINESS LINESGovernment Opponent Com-  
mends Methods Used by Army  
and Admiralty Officials

London, Dec. 28.—Criticism of the government's war preparations which was heard during the early stages of the war, has already ceased, indicating that the general public has either settled down to the belief that everything is being done about as well as possible or has tired of writing letters to the press.

The war office has now enlisted the services of business men with experience in carrying out big enterprises to take part in the work of supplying the army, and the labor unions have volunteered to watch the execution of government contracts, not only to see that proper equipment and rations are supplied to the soldiers, but to prevent "sweating."

Arnold White, a prominent writer and former colonial official, has been making a thorough inspection of the training camps for the purpose of detecting any scandals of mismanagement. Having been a bitter enemy of the Liberal government, his point of view was not prejudiced in its favor. He writes:

"Having visited thirty-six camps in various parts of the country, I am thoroughly cheered. In the majority of cases business men are handling the problems of war. People living inland have no conception of the thoroughness, efficiency and silence with which the war office and the admiralty have co-operated for the business of preventing a German raid or invasion."

## LAST CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 28.—The following list of casualties was issued to-night from the headquarters of the expeditionary force:

Killed—Farrer, Second Lieut., Leinster Regiment; McAndrew, Lieut., Seaforth Highlanders; MacAndrews, Second Lieut., Black Watch.  
Died of Wounds—Pritchett, Capt. W. P., Gloucester Regiment; Sparrow, Lt. G. L., South Wales Borderers; Wainwright, Second Lieut., Northamptonshire Regiment.

Wounded and Missing—Mann, Lieut. R. L., 7th Dragoons; Mansell, Captain J. L., 7th Dragoons.

Wounded—Adams, Lieut. D. V. M., Royal Army Medical Corps; Broad, Second Lieut., Royal Field Artillery; Calais, Second Lieut., Sussex Regiment; Calderon, Second Lieut., Interpreter Corps; Cartwright, Capt. H. S., 14th Battalion London Regiment; Dunsterville, Second Lieut., Argyll and Sutherland; Greenwood, Second Lieut., Royal Engineers; Hardy, Second Lieut., Sussex Regiment; Herbert, Lieut. M. C., Gloucester Regiment; Hitchens, Major W. H., Manchester Regiment; Lynch, Lieut. R. F., Manchester Regiment; Mackenzie, Lieut. D. C., Seaforth Highlanders; Maitby, Lieut., Royal Scots; Rose, Capt. A. B., Manchester Regiment; Thompson, Capt. H. M., Argyll and Sutherland; Somerville, Second Lieut., Seaforth Highlanders; Squires, Capt. E. K., Royal Engineers; Taylor, Second Lieut., King's Royal Lancashire Regiment; Tees, Lieut. J., Grenadier Guards; Wauchop, Major A. D., D.S.O., Black Watch; Weeding, Second Lieut., Welsh Regiment.

BOSWORTH SEES GOOD  
CHANCE TO ADVERTISE

Offers Reserved Seat to View Scenery to Any German Raider From United States.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—"The German score reached Vice-President Bosworth, of the C. P. R., in the form of a telegraphic inquiry from the New York Times this afternoon as follows: "We are receiving intimations from widely scattered points in California that there is a movement of Germans in civilian clothing northward, the object being to raid Vancouver and Canadian Pacific railway communication. Have you anything to say?"

LONDON PUBLIC WARNED  
AGAINST HOSTILE CRAFT

London, Dec. 28.—The London official houses this evening made the following announcement: "The naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger from fragments of shell and from bullets from the guns used against hostile aircraft attempting a raid on London."

"The civil population are warned to keep under cover, preferable in basements, upon hearing the sound of firing by guns or explosives."

EMERGENCY HOSPITALS  
ESTABLISHED AT BERLIN

London, Dec. 28.—A correspondent of the British Medical Journal states that twenty-five emergency military hospitals have been established in Berlin, with accommodation for 20,000 troops. One of the larger hospitals is housed in the new buildings erected for use in connection with the Olympic games. Others have been placed in factories, museums and art galleries. The wounded are conveyed singly from the railway station to the hospitals in motor ambulances. A shortage of gauze and absorbent cotton is already making itself felt.

BATTLE FOUGHT THREE  
DAYS IN THE VOSGES

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 28.—A battle lasting from December 25 to December 28 occurred in the whole front of the French and German armies in the Vosges mountains. The sound of the cannon firing was plainly heard in Switzerland.

French aeroplanes manoeuvring over the town of Muehlhausen in Alsace returned with sufficient information, it is said, to allow the French artillery to conduct an effective fire on the German positions.

GERMAN BOMBS KILLED  
RESIDENTS ON LANGEVOG

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail, referring to a report published by the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, that four British airmen dropped bombs on the German island of Langevog, in the North Sea, Christmas day, killing several civilians, says that an investigation proves that it was not British who dropped the bombs, but German airmen who believed that British torpedo boats were lurking off the island in the fog.

BELGIAN REFUGEES MAY  
BE PLACED UPON LAND

London, Dec. 28.—Discussing the question of the possibility of employing Belgian refugees in the preparation and cultivation of land, the Fruit Grower maintains that it is a subject which might well be looked into dispassionately.

There is no keener or cleverer market grower, it says, than the Belgian who devotes his attention to this branch of industry, and there must be many hundreds of these men of fine physique among the refugees.

SMALL FRENCH BAND  
HARASSING GERMANS

Hundred and Fifty Fugitive  
Fighters Cut Off Wage  
Warfare From Forest

Paris, Dec. 28.—In all its wealth of heroic actions the present war contains no more surprising episode than that which has just been brought to light. The facts are as follows:

For four months, ever since August 23, an organized company of 150 French soldiers have been living in the Belgian provinces of Luxembourg and although surrounded entirely by the German forces occupying Belgium, they have constantly escaped capture. For four months they have conducted a guerrilla warfare against their foes, inflicting heavier losses and more damage than could be done by an entire regiment in the open, and every attempt of the Germans to dislodge them from the mountain forests where they have found refuge has failed.

The story is vouched for by an impeccable authority who has personally seen and interviewed the commander of this fugitive force and several of his men.

These 150 men are all that is left of the French troops who vainly attempted in a two day battle to resist the German advance between the Rivers Liesse and Semois on August 22-23. The order for general retreat sent out by the allied forces on Sunday, August 23, reached them too late. Their only way of retreat, through Mezières, having been cut off, and realizing that they were surrounded, they decided to seek refuge in the thick forests with which this region is covered and to await there the return of the French forces, which in their minds then was a matter of only days.

The informant who brings this story to Paris makes no secret of the hiding places of these soldiers, which, he says, is between the towns of Saint-Hubert and Glivet, in the Belgian section of the Ardennes Mountains. Their presence there is known to all the inhabitants of the surrounding villages and to the Germans as well.

Having decided to remain within the enemy's lines, the men were organized by the few officers who had survived the battle and after a careful survey of the country, a place of concealment was selected from which it would be possible to do as much harm as possible to the enemy with the least danger of detection. Scouting parties were sent to the nearby villages, who enlisted the aid of the inhabitants, all of whom have long ago fled the country and are now beyond the reach of German reprisals. A good supply of ammunition was the most urgent need of the soldiers and women and children volunteered to make a search of the cartridge belts of the dead French troops still unburied. A supply of 12,000 Lebel cartridges was gathered in this manner and carefully concealed in the forest.

In exchange for the food and clothing which were furnished by the villagers the commanding officer gave regular army requisition papers which will be redeemed when the war is over and the Belgian peasants were only too glad to save their property from the Germans in this manner, knowing that they will obtain payment for it from the French government at a later date.

But this was not the soldiers' only means of obtaining supplies. Believing the surrounding country cleared of hostiles, the Germans continued to send provision trains, through with only a small guard to protect them and one by one these trains were held up and their escorts killed by the Frenchmen. These attacks occurred at points so far apart that the Germans were unable to discover the exact location of the hostile force and although strong bodies of troops have been sent against it every search has failed. Cavalry and infantry troops have ventured as far into the forests as they have dared, but so thorough a knowledge of the ground have the fugitives acquired that they have been able to conceal themselves successfully every time.

During the first few weeks of their forest life the soldiers might have succeeded in getting over the border had they accepted the offers of the inhabitants to furnish clothing with which they could disguise themselves as peasants and pass through the German lines as refugees. These offers, however, were refused.

On one occasion in the village of Hougnet, on the Liesse, twenty kilometers from Dinant, the fugitive soldiers had a narrow escape. A German force, which the French believed to be small, had occupied the royal chateau at Ardenne and was making merry with the contents of a well filled larder and wine cellars of the place, while the few remaining inhabitants in the village were starving. The commander of the French soldiers decided to put an end to this condition of affairs and undertook personally to trap and capture the German commander. The surprise of the latter can well be imagined when during a morning stroll he came suddenly face to face with a French officer in full uniform who ordered him to hold up his hands. He drew his revolver instead, but the Frenchman was quicker and shot him dead.

The report was heard by the sentry at the chateau and brought a strong force of Germans on the run. The French soldiers were waiting nearby, to assist their chief, but one glance was enough to see that they were greatly outnumbered and all fled back to the woods, not one being even wounded.

A similar incident had occurred only a few days before at Beauring, ten miles away, where a German captain had been killed, and the military authorities thereupon decided to make a thorough search of the forest to round up the French troops. More than 1,000

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men took part in the search, but not a Frenchman was found.

Meanwhile the attacks have continued and the Germans in the regions of Hougnet, Gedune, Saint-Hubert, No. officer dares venture out alone; no stranger is allowed to pass. M. Speyer, the Belgian senator, who has taken charge of the feeding of the remaining inhabitants of these regions, has been subjected to a close watch during all his visits, and he is practically the only one tolerated in these towns.

The authority for this story saw the French commander only two weeks ago and succeeded in getting through the German lines and back to Paris. At that time the German military authorities had posted throughout the

two Belgian provinces of Luxembourg and Namur the following announcement addressed to the fugitive soldiers:

"French soldiers:

"We know where you are and have full information regarding your strength. In your own interest we advise you to surrender and promise that your lives will be safe. If you refuse every one of you will be shot."

On the following morning the Germans were amazed to find written in a bold hand across several of the posters the following line:

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### GERMANY IS ISOLATED FROM MANY COUNTRIES

Berlin, Dec. 29.—German papers are complaining bitterly of the isolation of the country from neutral countries, as the result of the war. The four cable lines in which she is interested have been cut: Emden-Azores; Shanghai-Tientsin; cable across canal of Fife; Sebastopol-Varna. The following have been interrupted: Anglo-German; Anglo-American; Anglo-Italian; Anglo-United States; Anglo-Indian; Anglo-Singapore.

Germany's radio-telegraphic stations at Bar-sa-Salem, Duala, Lomb, Klion, Tschir, Apira and New Guinea have been destroyed.

## STEWART UNAWARE OF ALLEGED FRAME-UP

Accountant Had No Dealings With Dominion Trust Till Asked to Investigate

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Seen last night by the press, Andrew Stewart, C. A., had something to say with regard to the meeting of creditors of the Dominion Trust company yesterday, and the connection of his name therewith. "It would appear from reports of the meeting," said Mr. Stewart, "that I was the ringleader of the alleged frame-up. As a matter of fact, I have never had any business dealings with any of the gentlemen who are now connected with the liquidation of the Dominion Trust company until my firm was appointed to make an investigation."

"So far as I am aware, I have received no support in any shape or form from these gentlemen for the position of permanent liquidator. I allowed my name to go forward only after strong representations had been made to me by large creditors in the old country, in eastern Canada and locally."

Asked his opinion regarding the order which was made by the chief justice last Saturday, and about which there was some discussion yesterday, Mr. Stewart remarked: "Inasmuch as the Dominion winding-up act provided that at creditors' meetings regard should be had in voting to the amount of creditors' claims, and that the same act also provided that all proxies or other written authority to represent creditors must be deposited with the liquidator or chairman before the meeting, the order worked no hardship, and certainly all solicitors who appeared to be the chief complainants ought to have been aware of these provisions."

## CONSUL FOR HONDURAS IS CHARGED WITH ARSON

Contents of House in San Francisco Saturated With Oil and Prepared for Destruction

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Fernando So-moza Vivas, consul-general here of the Republic of Honduras, was arrested today on a charge of arson. He had been under surveillance by the police since last night, when firemen said they found that his burning house had been liberally sprinkled with oil and kerosene. Several drawers in the bedrooms were found filled with paper saturated in oil; carpets had been sprinkled with inflammables; holes had been cut through the ceilings of closets for fuses, and streamers tied from the rafters to guide the flames, according to the fire marshal. At police headquarters Vivas asserted that his position as the representative of a foreign nation made him immune from prosecution. Vivas carried \$2,500 insurance on the house, which he was buying on the installment plan.

## WOMEN TAKING HAND IN CHICAGO ELECTIONS

Advertise for Would-Be Alderman Applicants Are to Be Investigated

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Democratic women of the second ward inserted advertisements in Chicago newspapers to-day soliciting aldermanic candidates. The advertisements read as follows: "Wanted—Candidate for alderman in second ward—either man or woman; must be progressive, aggressive, radical and a Democratic Democrat with a political record which rings true, and will attract the votes of women. Answers will be held confidential." "We want to find out just who wants to serve as alderman and then investigate them," said Mrs. M. S. Jones, chairman of the women's committee. "The one that has the best qualifications we shall support."

## SHOT CHILD TRYING TO KILL SWEETHEART

Milwaukee, N. J., Dec. 29.—The mystery surrounding the killing last night of Beatrice Bailey, six years old, who was struck by a bullet that came through a window at the home of her grandmother at Buchanan, near here, where she was spending the holidays, was cleared up today when George Hann, 29 years old, was arrested, and confessed, according to the police, that he had accidentally shot the child while trying to kill his sweetheart.

The victim was the daughter of Mrs. William Bailey, of this place. She was seated at the supper table with other members of the family of her grandmother, Mrs. George Pettit, when the bullet came through the window. "There was no due to the mystery of a young woman member of the family told the police that Hann had been jealous of her. Hann was found at his home, and after he was told of the death of the child he confessed, the police said. He was locked up in the Milwaukee jail."

## INTEREST STUDENTS IN PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 29.—Assembled to further the fight against liquor through a systematic campaign by college students, nearly a thousand delegates took part in the opening here today of the national convention of the inter-collegiate prohibition association. Two hundred and fifty schools and nearly every state in the union were represented. After addresses of welcome and brief talks by workers in state and national prohibition movements, speeches were to be taken in the biennial national oratorical contest of the association. The contestants are winners in state and interstate contests and are students of colleges in California, Michigan, Tennessee, Nebraska, Oregon and Kansas. The convention closes Friday.

## GREAT STORM SWEEPS OVER BRITISH ISLES

Telegraphic Service With Continent Disorganized; Several Disasters in North Sea

London, Dec. 29.—A great gale and snowstorm swept over the larger part of Great Britain and Ireland last night, resulting in considerable loss of life and much damage. The telegraphic service on the Continent was disorganized and communication with France was almost severed.

One man was killed and several persons were injured in the collapse of a house wall at Clapham. Elsewhere in London plate glass windows were blown out and property was damaged in other ways. Two feet of snow fell in many parts of the country, causing serious flooding of rivers.

Dublin experienced the heaviest snowfall in many years.

Several disasters occurred as the result of striking mines in the North Sea. Among the vessels sunk were the steamer Linaria, whose crew were rescued, and a Glasgow steamer. The Linaria, which was of 1,571 tons register, belonged to the Stag Line, of North Shields. She was built in 1911. Commenting on the fact that eight vessels have been lost in the North Sea since Christmas Eve, owing to mines, the Times to-day says:

"Many people have been under the impression that some of these losses were caused by hitting British mines. It can be stated authoritatively that not a single British mine has been laid down off the east coast of England."

"The loss falls most heavily on neutral shipping, which, however, has been warned repeatedly by the admiralty that the German mines are insecurely anchored and likely to drift considerable distances."

Paris, Dec. 28.—The following official statement was issued by the war office to-night:

"During the entire day a violent storm has interfered with the operations along the greater part of the front. It is reported, notwithstanding, that we have made some progress in the Argonne region."

## CLAFLIN ASSETS TO BE SOLD.

New York, Dec. 28.—A decree providing for the sale on January 14, of the assets of the H. B. Claflin company was signed by Judge Hand in the United States district court today. The assets include all property right and interest held by John Claflin in the insolvent company.

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### THE WAR.

The French official announcement this afternoon reports the occupation of the village of St. Georges, in Belgium, by the allies. This is a substantial gain and its capture indicates that Neuport, three miles northwest of the village, has been retaken or is about to be retaken. Certainly with the allies at Lombaert on the northeast and at St. Georges on the southeast Neuport can be made too hot for the Germans to hold. Against this gain by the allies is an equally important move by the Germans in the capture of Holbeke, southeast of Ypres, reported yesterday. The allies will leave no stone unturned to retake this point and we predict that it will be in their possession again before the year is out.

The French are concentrating strong reinforcements in the Argonne, which henceforth will attract more attention from the British public, because a portion of our expeditionary force has been transferred to that region. The Germans made a distinct gain there in the capture of St. Hubert's a fortnight ago. This is a district of vital strategic importance to both armies. It is there that some of the fiercest battles of the war have been fought, and owing to the difficult nature of the country the losses have been very heavy on both sides. The French report also recounts further progress in the woods south-east of St. Michel and in Alsace, where extensive operations are now in progress.

In the east the Russians are following up their successful manoeuvre by which they inserted a wedge between the Austrians who, advancing from the region of Cracow, endeavored to form a junction with the forces which drove their way northward through the Carpathians into Galicia. The latter sustained a severe defeat and the Russians have regained control of the passes from which they had retired. Another advance into Hungary and westward towards Cracow may be expected in a few days. In southern Poland also the Russians are on the offensive, but on the front of the Baura and Rawa rivers west of Warsaw they are remaining strictly and successfully on the defensive. The main German attack in this region is now being directed from the southwest. The Russian report says nothing of the German demonstration from East Prussia to Mlawka. The net result of the German-Austrian offensive in Poland and Galicia to date is a very materially weakened Austria and a checked Germany.

### CIVIC RETRENCHMENT.

A correspondent attacks our figures relative to the expenditure of the city and the proportion over which the council has no control. He points out that the estimate of outlay for the year was \$2,501,479 and that of this total the fixed charges amount to \$796,113, leaving two-thirds upon which the council can operate. As a matter of fact, the expenditure for the current year is \$300,000 below the estimate, this amount having been struck off by the council last November, a circumstance of which our correspondent, in common with many others, evidently is not aware. He is mistaken also in his estimate of the proportion which could be made subject to the pruning knife. He should have added to his figure of \$796,113 for fixed charges the sum of \$297,000 for school maintenance and salaries and \$97,000 for police, and his total of expenditures over which the council has no control would have been one-half of the outlay of the city for the year. The fixed charges, education and police budget next year will aggregate over \$1,000,000, which will be more than fifty per cent. of the whole expenditure.

We repeat that whatever reduction is decided upon by the council must be borne by approximately one-half the civic outlay unless the school board and

police commissioners pare their estimates. This must fall largely upon the essential services, and there is a limit beyond which it would be dangerous to go. Reduction in taxation is not only desirable, but urgent, but it is impossible to reduce the expenditures on our ordinary services by fifty per cent. There is an irreducible minimum of penalty which must be paid for the era of carelessness and extravagance, characterized by the wildest inflation of values, which was not only tolerated but actually encouraged by many of those who now are agitating for the extremity of economy. Had a policy of even moderate retrenchment been pursued two or three years ago the council would have been criticized for its lack of initiative and enterprise. However, it is for the people themselves to say whether they are satisfied with the measures now being adopted by their representatives to deal with the acute situation which has arisen. The municipal elections will be held within a few weeks. There is nothing to prevent the selection of men who will reduce the civic expenditure to the point demanded by the most uncompromising advocate of economy, but the consequences may be the reverse of what is anticipated. Our own opinion is that the present council has done appreciable service along this line and that in the light of its experience during the last year it should be especially qualified to deal with the even more trying conditions which will confront the council of 1915.

### BATHING BARBARIANS.

The Sun is the only New York newspaper, with the exception of the Staats Zeitung (Herman Ridder's paper), which does not severely condemn the German raid on undefended cities and the slaughter of non-combatants. Berlin having announced that the raid on the Yorkshire coast was made for the purpose of "cheering up" the Kaiser, who is sadly in need of a stimulant these days, the Sun says there may be some basis of truth in the announcement, but "the Kaiser is not a monster." It assumes that his imperial majesty was "shocked by the slaughter." The course of events will prove whether Wilhelm was shocked. We shall see whether he will turn the hateful light of his frowning countenance upon such raids in the future. Truth to tell, we believe similar raids since have been made upon other undefended places. In fact, the raiders have gone from one atrocity to another ever since the war began. The Kaiser may not be a monster, but his Hunns have been inciting each other to the commission of monstrosities since the fateful day when the first German soldier set his foot, practised in the gogstep, upon Belgian soil, and no one ever has heard of the first of the Hunns counselling moderation. We have a speech before us delivered by a member of the Reichstag, in which this passage occurs: "We shall hold fast for all time the countries fertilized by German blood. Our burning love for the German fatherland makes us strong enough to offer the greatest sacrifices. Let us hold fast to what we have, won, and, over and above that, acquire all we need. By bloody war to splendid victory—that is the motto of this great time." Possibly such bloodthirsty sentiments as these do not call for rebuke. They have been accepted in the official annexation of Belgium. But one of the ferocious Herr Professors rises to a higher pitch of frenzy, saying: "All we Germans are living under the impression of the most powerful example of creative and terribly efficient hatred, which will not rest until it has reached its goal. This is the hatred of Germans striving for light and free development against the cunning, despotic, greedy and calculating English, against the barbarians who take baths, and who, in consequence of their praiseworthy taste for cleanliness, have unjustly acquired a reputation for civilization. This hatred, which has been provoked by the enemy himself, will bless Germany and inspire her, will free her from all restrictions, and will maintain her through all battles until the enemy lies harmless on the ground."

### DOMINION TRUST.

The wrangle over the appointment of a permanent liquidator for the Dominion Trust, while not altogether edifying, is not unnatural. The various interests involved would be less than human were they not suspicious of one another in view of the enormity of the losses. But matters of this kind become more involved the longer they are permitted to drag, and the multiplication of learned counsel does not help to make the situation clearer. It is unfortunate that the court cannot step in arbitrarily and select the liquidator. The unhappy individual, whoever he may be, will have no bed of roses. If the late managing director were subjected to one-quarter of the scrutiny the liquidator will have to endure there would have been no disaster.

Meanwhile there must be a searching investigation of the whole matter. There must be no chloroforming or whitewashing. The fact that the managing director is beyond a human court of inquiry does not end the chapter. The country should be informed why the company was permitted to operate

in contravention of the law for years. What were the relations between the company and the government or any member of the government? To what extent, if at all, did it owe immunity from interference to the fact that the head of the firm retained as its solicitors was the chief law officer of the province? Was any member of the government under obligation to the company in any way? What were the relations between Arnold and von Aivensleben? How came the auditors to send out reassuring statements which must have been contrary to the facts? These and other points must be cleared up.

### A PEOPLE'S WAR.

If this war ends without the annihilation of Prussian militarism it will have been fought in vain. The nations of the entente have signed a treaty under the terms of which none can make peace without the consent of the others, and there is every indication that the course upon which the contracting powers have entered will be pursued to the finish. The only remote untoward possibility lies in the uncertainty of political conditions. There might occur the ascendancy in Russia and France of elements which, while desiring the defeat of Germany, do not wish to see German militarism destroyed because it presents an excuse for the adoption or maintenance of a similar policy, with its reactionary privileged accompaniments, in their own countries. Fortunately, as far as the allies are concerned, it is a people's war, one of the very few struggles in history of which this can be said. This is as much the case in Russia, which in other circumstances might be regarded as the most uncertain factor, as in Britain and France. Germany and Austria began a war against the Slavs of little Serbia and all Slavs have sprung to arms. We do not anticipate a modification of sentiment on the part of Russia and incline to the belief that any peace which would not protect the Balkan states from Germany and Austria for all time would arouse a strong revolutionary feeling in the Czar's vast domain. But is it possible to destroy Austria and Hungary and ensure the permanent security of Serbia and her sister states without destroying German militarism? Is it possible for France to regain Alsace and Lorraine and for Britain to drive the Germans out of Belgium and exact a staggering indemnity without breaking Kruppism?

Our own view is that German militarism will die when the German people discover that it has failed to achieve the object its advocates have announced so grimly and definitely. The day that witnesses the retirement of the last German soldier from foreign soil sees the beginning of the end of the system. But before that happens Germany will do her utmost to bring about peace to avert the consequences of an enforced retreat. She will endeavor to make a deal with Russia looking to the division of Austria-Hungary and the provinces of the Ottoman Empire. She will offer Alsace and Lorraine to France. These are tempting baits and might prove irresistible were this not a people's war. But the issue has passed beyond the realm of diplomacy or chancelleries and perhaps it is fortunate that such is the case.

### INDISCREET VON TIRPITZ.

There has been some criticism, naturally, of the calmness and deliberation with which the allies have conducted the campaign against the deductors. The terrible plight in which Belgium has been placed has excited commiseration throughout the world. But the task of the liberators is a heavy one, and undue haste or precipitation might be fatal. We think Joffe and French may be trusted to carry on their work without unnecessary delay and to finish it effectively. Already there is justification of the tactics of the allied armies and fleets. Germany is feeling the pinch of privation. She is being strangled by the cord that has been thrown around her both by land and sea. Her people are being warned that they must conserve their food supplies. Certain commodities which we would consider it a hardship to be deprived of, particularly during the festive season, they are told must be reserved exclusively for the sick and wounded. This condition of affairs irritated the admiral in chief of the German navy, the hitherto unruffled and confident von Tirpitz. In an interview that gentleman told a press correspondent hailing from the United States, but bearing a German name, that as the purpose of the British is to starve out the Germans henceforth it will be the determination of the German navy to reduce the people of Great Britain to a state of famine. Von Tirpitz says he can do it and that he will do it by sinking with submarines every vessel that approaches the British coast with supplies. To this outburst of exasperation, an evidence of desperation, an American newspaper very properly points out that the seizure of merchant ships carries with it certain obligations under the rules of warfare. But as the Germans from the beginning of the war have violated all rules, they must

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not be expected to be more scrupulous now that they have been reduced to a state of extremity. The will of Germany is the law, and all who have not the power to resist the forces of destruction must bow the knee to the international bandit and bully. At the same time we do not think Great Britain will be cowed by the ultimatum of von Tirpitz. That cultured gentleman has not withheld his hand thus far. He has done his worst whenever he had the opportunity, and we do not see that those opportunities are multiplying. The bluffs and the brutality of the Germans have not changed the determination of the British to carry the campaign to a conclusion, and already there are indications of what the end will be, and of the manner in which that end will be accomplished. Von Tirpitz by his outburst has disclosed Germany's extremity and her most vulnerable point.

### "TIPPERARY" IN A PATRIOTIC SETTING.

Oh, ye British subjects, for your country's calling you!  
Away off at the battle front there's something you can do.  
Freedom's cause is menaced by a tyrant strong and bold,  
Then leave your business and your play,  
Your country's cause uphold.

Chorus—  
It's a long way to old Britannia,  
It's a long way to go;  
It's a long way to old Britannia,  
To the dearest land I know.  
Good-bye, O Canada,  
Farewell, loved ones dear;  
It's a long way to old Britannia,  
But my heart's right there.

You'll have hardships many, and privations hard to bear;  
But remember 'tis for home and those you hold most dear;  
You may suffer loss of limb, or injury for life,  
But just imagine what's at stake, and rush into the strain.

Chorus—  
Some day when the roll is called you may find your name "Here!"  
And your home in Canada will mourn for one so dear;  
But though you sleep on foreign soil, and in an unmarked grave,  
You give that life for Freedom's cause, your country for to save.

### COBB'S INTERVIEW.

Washington Herald.  
One thing seems quite certain. Mr. Cobb is connected to go to the front to see the allied armies and fleets. Lord Kitchener. Another thing that will strike most readers is that both Mr. Cobb and his paper displayed the story in a most amateurish way, giving preferred position to a "hot" quotation that Mr. Cobb said to Lord Kitchener in reply to questions that were apparently intended to make the interviewer feel at home, and putting at the end the really significant alleged utterances that brought forth a denial from the British war office. Mr. Cobb evidently labored under the misapprehension that he was giving information to the war chief who no doubt depends on sources much nearer the front.

### THEIR PROPER PLACE.

London Chronicle.  
About two thousand men, all fighting age and in the pink of physical condition, are employed week by week in kicking about footballs, and in attracting to other men whose proper place is also with the colors. . . . The very fact that the spectacle can breed in them such utter indifference to the lot of their mates fighting at the front less than 50 miles away is surely its strongest condemnation.

### SPOON FED ON VICARIOUS PATRIOTISM.

London Express.  
Our people have not been led to suppose that huge military efforts would be demanded of us. They have been spoon fed on "gay optimism" and vicarious patriotism. It is hard now to rouse them all in time. But if the laggards would consider the mood and the efforts of Germany they must then be shamed into a proper rivalry. Those that have eyes to see let them see.

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Every lady is an admirer of beautiful furs, and the receipt of a choice set as a gift, is one that is fully appreciated. If you desire to give your friend a particularly handsome set choose from the following.

**Black Fox Stoles**, each, \$20, \$25, \$35, \$45 to ..... **\$80.00**  
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**Russian Kolinsky**, in cape effects, from \$25 to ..... **\$85.00**  
**Fitch Stoles** from \$25 to ..... **\$65.00**  
**Fitch Muffs** from \$30 to ..... **\$75.00**  
**Moleskin Tie Effects**, each, ..... **\$9.75**  
**Moleskin Wide Stoles**, 72 inches long, each, \$35 and ..... **\$40.00**  
**Moleskin Muffs**, each, \$19.75 to **\$30.00**  
**Squirrel Stoles and Short Ties**, each, \$6.75, \$9.75, \$13.75, \$27.50 to **\$85.00**  
**Large Mink Capes**, \$125 and **\$150.00**  
**Large Mink Muffs** to match, at same prices.  
**Ermine Ties**, each, \$15.00, \$17.50 to ..... **\$45.00**  
**Ermine Large Neck Pieces** at **\$65.00**  
**Ermine Muffs** to match, ..... **\$125.00**  
**Marmot Furs**, in tie, cape and long stole effects, each, \$7.50, \$8.75, \$9.50, \$12.50, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 and ..... **\$35.00**  
**Marmot Fur Muffs**, large size, each, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50 to ..... **\$35.00**  
**White Thibet**, in long tie effects, each at ..... **\$2.90**  
**Muffs**, each ..... **\$2.90**  
**White and Black Hare**, in long ties and cape effects, \$3.75 and ..... **\$4.50**

—First Floor

### A Special Clean-Up of Children's Fur Necklets and Muffs Wednesday

Values to 75c, for 25c

A chance for those who are buying New Year gifts for children to secure some very useful sets at quite an inexpensive price. They are mostly in Teddy Bear style, but a few white included, also a combination set including necklet and muff in one-piece style. Regular value to 75c. Clearing Wednesday at, per article ..... **25c**

—First Floor

### New Shipment of Ladies' Flannelette Pyjamas

Splendid quality garments, for the flannelette used in their make up is a beautiful, soft quality, almost equal to flannel. Your choice from various striped designs in pink and blue, finished with frog fasteners. Warm, comfortable garments for winter wear. Special, per suit ..... **\$2.75**

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### Women's Extra Quality Flannelette Night-Gowns

Special at \$1.25

A recent shipment of Ladies' Flannelette Underwear, brings with it an exceptional fine lot of warm Night-gowns in heavy quality of white flannelette. These are well made up in various styles, with yoke effects, in tucks and silk embroidery insertions; all sizes and extra special **\$1.25**

—First Floor

### Ladies' Flannelette Dressing Gowns

Usually Sold at \$3.00 and \$5.00. Clearing at \$1.50 and \$2.50

Warm, comfortable garments that every woman has need of, and these specially reduced prices should encourage quick selling. Each garment is well made from good heavy quality Flannelettes in light and dark colorings, finished with satin facings; others are made in Japanese kimono style and others with shirred back and belt effects. All sizes included from 34 to 44 bust. Regular \$3.00 values for ..... **\$1.50**  
Regular \$5.00 values for ..... **\$2.50**

—First Floor

### Clearing Out Men's Fancy Arm Bands and Garters

Regular 50c and 75c Values for ..... **25c**  
Regular \$1.25 Values for ..... **50c**

All these goods are neatly packed in fancy boxes, suitable for sending away as New Year gifts, or for tying on Christmas trees for presents.

The **Fancy Arm Bands** come in colors navy blue, tan, pink and pale blue, usually sold at 50c and 75c. Clearing to-day at **25c**

**Silk Garters and Arm Bands** combined, in fancy boxes and in colors blue, grey, mauve, white and black. Regular \$1.25 value, clearing to-day at **50c**

**Fancy Arm Bands in Burnt Wood Boxes**, all colors, clearing to-day at, per box **50c**

—Main Floor

### Dainty Net and Silk Dresses for Afternoon and Evening Wear, Clearing at \$6.50

These are very special values—part of an exceptionally good buy. They would sell in the regular way from \$15 to \$20, but to-day you have your choice for the low price of \$6.50. They come in blue and brown silks, fancy striped effects and nets. Various dainty styles suitable for afternoon and evening wear.

—First Floor

### Business Men Should Investigate Our Prices on Diaries and Account Books for the New Year

We have a very large stock of Account Books, also Diaries for the New Year. Business men will find it to their advantage to investigate our values and compare qualities. We quote a few prices here, but there are many other styles and qualities to be seen in the department on main floor.

#### OFFICE DIARIES

Foolscap Size, 12 1/2 x 8 ins.

No. 50, a week in an opening, interleaved with blotting. Each ..... **35c**  
No. 31, a week in an opening, interleaved with blotting. Each ..... **85c**  
No. 42, two days on a page. Each ..... **\$1.00**  
No. 41, one day on a page. Each ..... **\$1.75**

Letter Size, 10 x 8 in.  
No. 33, a week in an opening, interleaved with blotting. Each ..... **70c**  
No. 44, two days on a page. Each ..... **85c**  
No. 43, one day on a page. Each ..... **\$1.35**

Note Size, 8 x 5 ins.  
No. 47, a week in an opening. Each ..... **35c**  
No. 35, a week in an opening, interleaved with blotting. Each ..... **50c**  
No. 46, two days on a page. Each ..... **85c**

#### CALENDARS FOR 1915

We have a large assortment of fine Art Calendars priced from 20c to \$1.50. These make admirable and useful New Year's gifts.

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At 30c, 35c, 50c and ..... **60c**

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In or windows to day we are showing a selection of this world-famous brand of Hosiery. Come in to-day let us show you them.

Ladies' Seamless Cashmere Hosiery, special offer: 3 pairs for \$1.00  
Others at per pair 50c

Penman Hosiery for Children, per pair . . . 50c  
Penman Hosiery, ribbed, for boys, per pair . . . 50c

Women's and Children's Heavy Wool Underwear at Special Prices

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## The Salvation Army

Industrial are now prepared to supply the public with Cordwood cut by the way.

4-ft. . . . . \$4.50  
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## BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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For Fire, marine, automobile, liability, sickness and accident, plate glass, elevator and employers' liability, consult Gillespie, Hart & Todd, general agents for British Columbia. All claims settled and paid by our office.

Montrose Rooms.—Bl. shad street, are exceptionally well ventilated and heated. If looking for a bright cosy room for the winter months it will pay you to examine these. Special low rates are being asked.

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The Key Shop, 610 Pandora.

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Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

Will Entertain on New Year's Day. Better stock up with dinner dishes, tumblers, wine glasses, decanters, etc. Big variety at R. A. Brown & Co's, 1302 Douglas Street.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Taxi Service.—For the best and most up-to-date in the city. C. & C. Taxicabs. Phone 155.

White Sewing Machine Store, 1221 Douglas.

Piano for Rent, \$4. Phone 2507R.

"This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground." Maude Radford Warren in The Saturday Evening Post.

If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. & N. railway in the Nanaimo and Newcastle districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Land Co. Ltd., General Agents, Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

After Christmas have things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 611 Cormorant Street.

Dance at Cloverdale Hall to-night.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

For New Year's Festivities.—Tumblers, \$2 to 60c dozen; whiskey glasses, \$1.25 to 75c dozen; Liquor Glasses, \$1.50 to \$1.10 dozen; soda glasses, \$1.35 to \$1.00 dozen; decanters, \$2 to 50c each, at R. A. Brown & Co's, 1302 Douglas street.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

Hotel Ritz, winter rates, rooms, \$2 per week and up. Turkey dinner, Xmas Day and Sunday, 50c.

New Arc Lamp.—A new arc lamp is to be placed at the corner of Alexander avenue and Manor road.

Northeast Sewer.—The clerk of Oak Bay Council, F. W. Clayton, wrote to city council last evening with regard to an agreement about the northeast main trunk sewer, which Saanich is seeking to have arranged, stating that his council would object to the agreement till Saanich had arranged suitable terms of payment. The letter was ordered to be sent to the Saanich council.

Esquimalt Council.—There was little business of importance before the Esquimalt council last evening, when it met for the last time this year as a committee of works. The report of the engineer was received and matters in it acted upon. At the conclusion of the business Reeve Saunders and the councilors adjourned to the miniature range, where they had some rifle practice.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

Appointment Cancelled.—The provincial executive, at a meeting yesterday, cancelled the appointment as a justice of the peace of A. Matysky.

Remove Fallen Timber.—The minister of lands has been given authority by order-in-council to sell the dead and fallen timber in Mount Robinson park, in order to reduce the danger of fire.

Hospital Directors.—In the place of C. M. Blandy the provincial executive has appointed A. A. Langley as a director of the Gulf Islands hospital at Ganges Harbor. C. Spence and J. H. Park have been named as directors of the Massett hospital.

For delicious flavor and all-round fine quality there is no tea equals Salada. And then it is not cheapened with dust as many other teas are.

For Patriotic Aid.—A contribution of \$60 has been received by the Patriotic Aid society from the American society, this being the proceeds from the sale of the patriotic button, with the flag of the empire and the republic side by side, which was sold at the American ball on Thanksgiving Eve at the Alexandra hall.

Supreme Court Chambers.—Vacation chambers were held in the supreme court this forenoon by Mr. Justice Gregory, when several motions of urgency were heard and disposed of. The court will reopen on Monday, when there will be two judges here to take up the hearing of trials set down. The most important of these, and the one that will take up most time is that of the Westholme Lumber company against the city, arising out of the Sooke waterworks contract which the city had to take away from the company and complete itself.

Complaint of Bricklayers.—A complaint lodged by G. W. Stock and other bricklayers against alleged preference in the employment of bricklayers at Garbally road yard will be investigated by the city engineer. The writer alleged in a communication to city council last evening that three men get practically all the work, two of whom are not taxpayers, while men who are taxpayers and out of work cannot secure employment. "Quite recently a report was made by a resident bricklayer in respect to a yard, outside east of the brickwork done by those same men at the city yard, Yates street. Yet despite this the men are doing the work that is being done to-day at Garbally road yard," said the communication of Mr. Stock.

Methodist Chinese Mission.—A big audience of about three hundred Orientals and Occidentals attended the very pleasing entertainment held last evening at the Chinese mission, the chair being occupied by Rev. Joseph Philip and an excellent programme of songs being provided by the young men and children of the mission. Some of the chorus and part-song work of the former was particularly good and there were a number of very tuneful duets offered also. As usual the smaller children provided a very important part of the entertainment, and later in the proceedings gifts were distributed to the youngsters and their elders. Among the speakers during the evening were Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott and Rev. F. N. Stapleton. Delicious refreshments were served before the close of the proceedings.

Contributed to Mission.—The W. C. T. U. Mission, Store street, tender thanks to the following friends who sent donations for Christmas: Mrs. Deaville, Wesley Methodist church, Copas & Young, Mrs. Few, Miss Hart, Mrs. Purdie, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. McAdam, Mrs. Sprout, Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. McLorie, Mrs. W. Mercer, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. R. A. Brown, A. Friend, Mrs. P. Hibben, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. L. Goodrich, Mrs. Guest, Mrs. Pandray, Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. A. Lee, Mrs. Blackadder, Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Fife, Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. A. H. Horlock, Mrs. Driver, and (cash) Mayor Stewart, Mr. Butchart, Mr. Barnard, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Union Bank, Wilson Bros., J. W. Spencer, Mrs. Weiler, D. E. Campbell, Mrs. D. K. Ker, Mr. Deaven, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Bellwood, Mrs. McLorie, Mrs. Middleton, Miss Saunders, Miss Hoyle and Dr. Helmcken.

Sepia's last word in fine photography. Just the thing for Xmas presents. The Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates street, corner Douglas.

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS  
ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

Desire Vote in Estimates to Meet Outstanding Liabilities; Consideration To-night

The civic estimates will be before a meeting of the aldermen this evening at 7.30, to which the principal officials have been called. The meeting will be open to the press, and in this way will be avoided such speculation about events and distorted statements of uninformed citizens as have caused past councils much trouble. A deputation from the directors' board of the Royal Jubilee hospital waited on the finance committee of the city council yesterday afternoon to ask the council to place a sum of money in the estimates next year in order to meet excess cost of working of the hospital, which was estimated at \$11,000 to November 30, this year. The directors also explained that there is outstanding a large amount in bills, which will materially alter the total liability.

The deputation, which was composed of the city representatives on the board and the treasurer, explained the situation in which the board found itself in endeavoring to carry on the work with an income insufficient to meet expenditure. The position which was largely a duplicate of that of 1913, when the aldermen agreed to a vote being incorporated in the board of health figures, made it necessary, in the opinion of the delegation, for the hospital to have further aid from the city taxes.

At the time the statement was made up, there were outstanding bills from the city and government, claims under the hospital act against the municipalities of Esquimalt and Saanich, and sums owing from patients who could not afford to pay. The November accounts were unpaid at the time the statement was prepared, increasing the hospital's liability. Allowing for credits and bills due to hospital which are unpaid, it was estimated that from \$7,000 to \$8,000 would be required to place the institution on its feet again.

Aldermen promised to give the matter consideration when the estimates were taken up. From a preliminary discussion of the estimates yesterday, it was gathered there will be most rigid economy shown when the estimates are before the aldermen this evening. The total is stated to be about \$2,100,000. This is a considerable cut from the total framed last year, which, however, was reduced by the pruning last November. The city council has no direct control over about \$1,100,000 of the expenditure, \$280,000 being required for school purposes and \$97,000 for police, leaving the balance for fixed charges, for loans, on waterworks and other permanent charges. The portion over which the council has control is about one million dollars. That there will be a large cut in that total goes without saying—how large depends on the mood of the aldermen.

The members are hopeful of getting the business through at a single meeting, but it is doubtful if they will be able to complete consideration at one session.

## MIDNIGHT MATINEE.

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees are giving a performance known as a "Midnight Matinee" on New Year's Eve, the performance to start at 12.15 a. m., and will consist of fourteen acts of first class vaudeville including several local artists. This show is under the auspices of the above organization and must not be confused with the regular Pantages performance, although Mr. Rice, manager of this popular theatre, has been kind enough to allow the Alliance the use of the house. Popular prices will prevail, viz., 25, 35 and 50 cents, the last two named being reserved seats, which are now on sale at the box office. Don't forget the time and place and remember that it will be "The First Show of the New Year."

Foreclosure Applications.—In all applications being made to the judges of the supreme court now for orders for foreclosure under agreements of which the time has been defaulted, a delay of three months is being granted. It being felt by the judges that the conditions are such at the present that the public should receive all the protection with the rights of the vendors under the law.

St. Barnabas' Entertainment.—A big crowd of parents and children met last evening in the schoolroom of St. Barnabas' church on the occasion of the annual Christmas entertainment. The little people indulged in games from 5 until half-past seven, when nursery rhymes in character were given, one of the most interesting of these being "The Coming of Santa Claus" which showed a number of small people tucked away in their coats sleeping while Santa Claus, descended by way of the chimney, filled the stockings hung out for his gifts. The house used in this act was constructed by T. S. Mills, and was a wonderful credit to his constructive ability. The annual prize distribution in connection with the Sunday school examinations was held, E. E. Wootton, rector's warden, presenting the awards, notable among the prize-winners being two of the infant-class members who gained full marks. The teachers of these classes are, Miss Gannham and Miss Ewings. Mr. Longfield, church organist, read a report of the choir's work, and prizes were awarded as follows: T. Warwick, silver medal; Alexander Webber, church-warden's prize; Albert Webber, organist's prize. The entertainment is to be repeated on Tuesday, January 5.

## SOME GOOD ADVICE

Here is some advice given to merchants who think they are cutting down expenses when they stop advertising.

The speaker is a very eminent authority. He says:

"Your advertising—if it is advertising worthy of the name—is your best salesman, and you don't hesitate to lay it off indefinitely because business was bad yesterday."

"Your advertising is a bigger factor in your business than your location, and you'll move it down a back street or wipe your advertising location off the city map because you're not feeling right to-day."

"Your advertising is the big sign over your door and you'll take it down and store it in the cellar; your advertising is your most profitable and most economical tax for insurance against loss, and yet you'll lightly 'SAVE'—God save the mark!—that expense for a few days if your dinner or business conditions don't exactly suit you."

"Advertising is a great force in business and many great and many foolish claims are made for it, but it is not greater, nor more powerful than any other factor of your business. It can't do the impossible. If you expect to get any good from it you must keep it 'on the job,' make it work while you sleep."

## BANDAGES FOR HORSES.

Toronto Humane Society Acknowledges Contribution From Local Workers.

The secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the S. P. C. A. this morning telegraphed a telegram from Toronto: "Many thanks for bandages which arrived safely. Will you please wire me Toronto Humane Society, McCaul street, whether they have been sterilized. Kindly thank all those who have taken so much interest in the Blue Cross."

(Sgd.) "M. M. MCCARTHY." The Royal Humane Society, Blue Cross and Purple Cross societies are supporting motor ambulances and other appliances for wounded horses at the front. Wounded soldiers in a London hospital say that one of the most terrifying experiences in the present war is the shrieking of wounded horses. A horse screams only when in mortal agony and the sound, once heard, can never be forgotten. A firm which has supplied two thousand horses to the army since the war began has made an approximate estimate of the average life of the animal, placing this at only four days. It is sincerely hoped that President Wilson's effort at getting the Purple Cross acknowledged by the Geneva conference will meet with unbounded success.

## DUCKS AFLOAT IN OIL.

Foys Discover Hundreds of Helpless Birds Off Beacon Hill; Drifted Ashore.

A peculiarly interesting thing was discovered by a number of boys who were playing at Horseshoe bay, Beacon Hill, yesterday afternoon. A great flight of wild ducks was seen floating shorewards, amongst the number several dead birds being visible. As the tide moved in across the rocks the birds were lifted unresisting to a foot-hold, and as they were stranded, the boys were able to gather them in their arms, several of the birds being carried off by the youngsters without any very successful effort being made on the part of the ducks to escape. It was noticed by the boys that the flotsam of wild-fowl was literally afloat in oil, which covered the surface of the water for quite a distance round the birds, and had evidently clogged their feathers and wings to such an extent that they were unable to fly. It is possible that some of the birds may have been there for some time, and died of either cold or hunger. Some of the captured birds this morning, while being taken to the shore, showed signs of an inclination to do so as early as possible.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Court-Northern Light Will Install New Executive at Smoking Concert on January 13.

Court-Northern Light No. 5905, A. O. U. E. A., largely-attended, half-yearly meeting, elected its officers for the ensuing term. These were as follows:

Past Chief Ranger, J. I. Johnson; chief ranger, J. McKelvie; S. C. R. L. Fletcher; treasurer, W. P. Smith; secretary, A. W. F. Fullerton; S. W. E. Read; J. W. H. Cox; S. B. H. Pellett; J. B. F. J. White; organist, George McKay; surgeon, Dr. J. W. Lennox; trustee, J. P. Hancock.

The installation of these officers will be held at the next meeting, on January 13, on which occasion there will be a smoking concert. Guests of honor on that occasion will be members of the order who are serving in the navy and army, including members of Court Forward, Halifax, serving on H. M. C. S. Rainbow, and members from the courts in Nelson, Fernie, Cranbrook, Kamloops, Merritt and Nicola courts.

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Court of Appeal.—The January term of the court of appeal will open here on Tuesday next. There are a number of appeals being set down for argument.



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**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

W. N. de Graaf is a visitor from Holland in the city to-day.

H. J. Blake-Wilson, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. Wenborn is a guest at the King Edward hotel from Vancouver.

R. N. Moore, of Regina, is among the guests at the Strathcona hotel.

F. E. Leach was among yesterday's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

J. D. McMartin is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

Mrs. Woodrow and child, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress hotel.

A. Mott is at the King Edward hotel, having come across from Vancouver.

J. J. Lane, of Vancouver, is in the capital and is at the Strathcona hotel.

P. Vike is among those registered at the King Edward hotel from Vancouver.

H. H. Rowley is in the city from Vancouver and is registered at the Empress hotel.

W. H. McConnell is staying at the Strathcona hotel while in the city from Somenos.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kennedy are registered at the Empress hotel to-day from Vancouver.

H. B. Ferguson has arrived from Vancouver and is registered at the Empress hotel.

A. M. Davies, of Vancouver, is a newly-arrived guest at the King Edward hotel.

F. Woolfe, of Vancouver, is in the city. He is staying at the King Edward hotel.

W. S. Neville, of Vancouver, is visiting the city and is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

N. J. Baker has arrived here from Vancouver and is registered at the King Edward hotel.

F. L. McNeill is among the Vancouver residents who are guests at the King Edward.

Charles H. Harbour, proprietor of the Sooke Harbor hotel, is staying at the Empress hotel.

J. R. Lockard is in the city from Cumberland and is registered at the Empress hotel.

W. E. Morphy, of Vancouver, is visiting the capital and is registered at the King Edward hotel.

H. G. Parson, ex-M. P. P. for Columbia, was in the city yesterday on a brief business visit.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday was James R. Thatcher, a well-known Seattle business man.

Hal Macdonald, who is connected with the Prudential Assurance Co., arrived in the city this morning and is registered at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Walker and daughter, of Winnipeg, are spending the holiday season as the guests of Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. R. D. McCaw, 235 Howe street.

Mrs. Macdonald, who underwent a serious operation at the Victoria private hospital about a fortnight ago, is convalescing rapidly, and this afternoon left for her own home, where it is hoped by her many well-wishers she will continue her progress toward good health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Englehart and son, of Dawson City, are the guests of Miss Thain, Quadra apartments, for the holidays, after which they will continue on their way to California to conclude the remainder of the nine weeks' vacation, which they are enjoying. Mr. Englehart, who is a nephew of Miss Thain's, is treasurer of the Yukon territory, and his last trip down from the north was 15 years ago.

Mrs. H. A. Peters, of Vancouver, who is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Dorothy Turner, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Dyde Lindsay, of Royal Bay.

Rev. Percival Jenks, rector of St. John's church, is seriously ill with pleurisy, from which his numerous parishioners and other friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

**AT THE THEATRES**

**"THE LITTLE GRAY LADY."**

Another good picture produced by the Famous Players' Film company is the attraction at the Royal Victoria theatre for the first three days of this week. The subject is entitled "The Little Gray Lady." Anna Gray, the noted American actress is the star performer. The play was written by Channing Pollock and is one of the best of this noted writer's dramatic successes.

**"SEPTEMBER MORN."**

"September Morn," Rowland and Clifford's successful musical comedy riot from the LaSalle Opera House, Chicago, has been secured for an engagement of one night, Monday, January 4, at the Royal Victoria theatre. "September Morn" is a huge musical success and includes a cast of musical comedy celebrities far above the average, together with a beauty chorus selected for looks and ability to sing. Among the many song hits that have taken the country by storm are: "Oh, You September Morn," "I Lost My Girl on Broadway," "In Berlin," "When a Little Boy Loves a Little Girl," "Everybody's Tango Crazy," "Beautiful Dreams I'm Dreaming," "A Square-Rib From the Butcher Shop of Life," "The Sun-Shadow Girl," and "Where is the Pleasure in Wine and Song if the Woman is Not There?" It's a big dance festival including Tango, Maxixe and Hesitation waltzes.

**COLUMBIA THEATRE.**

The Columbia theatre is presenting a strong headliner feature on its new bill, which will be seen to-day and Wednesday, "The Washington Trio," high class harmony singers and entertainers. Their effective rendering of "Tipperary" with all the feeling of the British soldiers in the lowland trenches is receiving deserved applause.

Gray and White, a pleasing duo of versatile entertainers, come in for approval on account of their unique pianologue and dancing numbers. The return of an old favorite in V. T. Henderson, dramatic actor, is assured of a hearty reception as V. T. is well known not only here but in all cities on account of his true-to-life impersonations and the accuracy with which he portrays various roles. Last night Henderson's act was received with a gratifying ovation and could be termed a perfect "acclaim." A wire artist is always appreciated and Equilo, the best of his kind, is by no means a back number on the Columbia programme.

Concluding what is probably one of the best bills the Columbia has yet presented are four reeds of first-run movies, including the "Mutual Weekly," a true and perfect chronicle of the world's momentous happenings. The European war is featured by the Mutual Weekly and stirring pictures from the firing line are a specialty.

Prompter (to leader of supers at dress rehearsal of stirring drama)—"Now, are you all right with the cues?" Leader—"I am so, sir! When the man in the sheet (toga) hollers 'Katy Field' we get ready, and when he sings out 'Rum and crackers'—Prompter (frantic)—"Calit, yield—'Rome and Gracchus,' stupid!" Leader—"Jesse, sir, when he says that we are to go for the chap in the brass rejoiner."

**"THE COLLEGE WIDOW"**

Uproariously Exciting Play Splendidly Produced by Allen Players at Princess Theatre.

In "The College Widow," produced last evening at the Princess theatre, the Allen Players have found a splendid avenue for the talents of a large company of gifted actors. The large audience, which crowded the playhouse to its utmost capacity last evening, is guarantee of the success for the remainder of the week, as appreciation of the play at times interrupted the progress of the performance. Splendidly rehearsed, there were no dull moments in the rapidly-moving events of a career which was as dramatic as incident, as the strenuous life of the college athlete usually proves.

It is difficult to give precedence to any one actor in the company, all were so excellent in their respective roles. In the title role, Miss Verna Felton left nothing to be desired as "The College Widow," otherwise Jane Witherspoon, daughter of the president of Astor College, and incidentally the half-sister of the famous half-back, Billy Bolton (Irving Kennedy), to keep that celebrity from enrolling as a student with the richly-endowed neighboring Bingham college. There were one or two quite typical flirtation scenes, both between the said "widow" and her latest captive, and her erstwhile victim, Jack Larabee (Arthur Kenck), now football coach to Astor, and zealous to the point of unscrupulousness in behalf of his team. Both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Kenck filled their parts with a perfect understanding of the situation.

But if these three constituted the leading characters in the play there were at least half a dozen other actors who achieved equal distinction in their respective ability. Nothing could have been better than Miss Tryna Sandon as Flora Wiggins, a gum-chewing and long-eared waitress with an endless variety of poses and affectations; than Miss Jeanne Graem as the flat-heeled, sun-peeled, gushing athletic girl whose every entrance was a small storm of excitement in the company; than Charles Bennett, the ubiquitous and flag-waving undergraduate "Stub," as full of fussiness and importance as those familiar with the type know well; than Byron Egan, completely lost in his admirable make-up as the lanky short-coated freshman "Bub," awkward and unsophisticated as the most uninitiated. Then there was Mrs. P. R. Allen, overwhelmingly convincing as the plump grass widow and reliable chaperone; Mrs. Dalziel, who kissed the freshmen all round in the most indiscriminate and impartial manner, ultimately centering her affections on the giant Centre-Rush, no other than Mr. Allen himself, who carried off high honors in his capacity as "Silent" Murphy, who "studied art." A very finished dignitary was found in Peter Witherspoon, president of Astor College, William Galtier giving a very nice interpretation of a part which requires delicate handling, and Hiram Bolton, full of opulence and riches, was quite cleverly impersonated by Norman Pearce. Charles Connors and Charles Harris were also quite good as the Hon. Elam Hicks and Matty McGowan respectively, and a number of minor roles were filled to the satisfaction of everyone.

**WEATHER BULLETIN.**

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 29—5 a. m.—There are indications of an approaching ocean storm area, which will cause southerly gales on the coast and fresh to high winds on the Straits and Sound. Zero temperature continue in the prairie provinces and stormy weather is reported in the Great Lake region.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain. Lower Mainland—Easterly to southerly winds, fresh to strong on the Gulf, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.07; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 39; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 28; wind, calm; snow, .04; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .10; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Temperature.

Pentlton ..... 36  
Nelson ..... 35  
Calgary ..... 29  
Edmonton ..... 29  
Prince Albert ..... 8  
Winnipeg ..... 6  
Toronto ..... 34  
Ottawa ..... 24  
St. John ..... 24  
Halifax ..... 24

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday.

Temperature.

Highest ..... 47.9  
Lowest ..... 33.3  
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It had begun to rain, and Noah and his sons were hustling the animals into the ark. Already the interior was crowded, but there was no time to lose. Quadruped after quadruped went speedily up the gangplank. Finally the camels arrived. "Hurry up!" cried Noah. "Step lively!" The camels took a look at the mob inside and drew back. "Pardon us," they said, "but I guess we'll take the next ark." "There isn't any next ark," interrupted Noah, who was anxious to ring the bell. "Get aboard and step lively." Whereupon the camels did what thousands of people do every night—they forced their way in where a minute previous there appeared to be not a spare inch of space. Behind them, pushing and shoving, came other belated creatures. "Get away from the door there!" cried Noah. "Plenty of room up front. Plenty of room in the centre of the ark." You know how it is yourself, but to the camels, used to roaming around the open desert, with all the space they wanted, it was a frightful experience. "They are crowding me! They'll crush me!" gasped the lady camel. "Quit her shovin', can't yer?" snarled the gentleman camel, as he clutched at a strap and missed. "Plenty of room up front," said Noah again. "Get away from the door." And he began to ring up the fares. "I feel," gasped the lady camel, "as though my ribs were being crushed. Oh!" "So do I," answered her mate. "The accommodations on the line are something fierce. Somebody ought to complain to the public service commission." You all know how it feels to be stuck in the subway at 6 o'clock; but the camels, remember, had forty days and forty nights of it. When they got out at the end of the run, and slid down the plank on to Ararat—well, they've looked that way ever since. Puck.

An instructor was drilling a squad of recruits, and he ordered a newly-neglected bugler to blow a certain call. The youth put the bugle to his lips, but only faint sounds were emitted, though the bugler's cheeks were much inflated. "Louder! Louder!" shouted the instructor. "It's all very well, sir," said the youth respectfully, "to say 'Louder!' but where's the wind to come from?"







## FULL STORY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONNECTION WITH DOMINION TRUST

**Attorney-General Admitted He Submitted to Passing of Bill Because His Opposition Would Have Caused Split in Party and Government's Defeat**

The Christmas number of the Greater Vancouver Chinook contains a report of the statement of Attorney General Bowser to the committee of depositors who met him in the office of the legal firm of which the minister is a member. The article deals also in a comprehensive manner with the financial operations of the late William R. Arnold, which resulted in financial loss to thousands and complete ruin to many others. The Chinook's account is as follows:

William R. Arnold was a Napoleon in his own way. The government of the Province of British Columbia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada bowed for a time to his will. Six thousand seven hundred persons trusted Arnold with all their savings and as many more, directly or indirectly, permitted their fortunes to be tied up with those of the financial organization which Arnold had created and dominated.

The Little Corsican rose from the multitude and was carried upon the shoulders of mob leaders who bawled "Liberty". Arnold rose from obscurity and was pushed forward by a frenzied mob who cried "Development". All the Little Corsicans make headway up to that point where they undertake to use the trust of the people to finance for themselves glory, publicity and prestige.

"To-morrow," said William R. Arnold, "to-morrow I will take you into the vaults and I will show you the securities, bonds and liquid assets of the company. The depositors are fully protected. Every dollar of the trust funds are available. The affairs of the Dominion Trust Company are

in good order. We will go into the vaults together to-morrow."

"You have told me that before, Mr. Arnold. I have my orders and I must examine these securities to-day. For days and days you have been putting me off. This work must be done and we cannot delay longer. To-morrow will not do."

Mr. Arnold and Auditor Hodges were in the private office of the managing director of the Dominion Trust Company when this conversation took place. It was the opening of the last act of the tragedy—that part which the Honorable William Bowser, Attorney-General of British Columbia, grimly referred to as "The Last Phase."

Always with men who are too ambitious and too unscrupulous as to the means they employ to satisfy their lust for self-advancement there is "The Last Phase."

Mr. Bowser's Own Story.

Some insight into the methods of William R. Arnold and a bare outline of the facts leading up to the crash of the Dominion Trust Company were given by the Attorney-General of British Columbia, himself to a committee of the Dominion Trust Company depositors who met Mr. Bowser a fortnight ago in the offices of Messrs. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. This meeting took place in the palatial suite occupied by the legal advisers of the defunct company on the top floor of the Dominion Trust Building. These offices have been occupied for some time by the law firm upon a lease drawn up before Mr. Arnold's death.

Mr. Bowser told the committee that the government had known for years that the Dominion Trust Com-

pany was unsound. The government, however, did not wish "to cause a panic" and did not interfere. Mr. Bowser spoke very guardedly of the disaster. He did not attack Arnold through from his words it might be inferred that Mr. Bowser had never at any time a high opinion of the brilliant young plunger.

As Mr. Bowser was the head of the firm of lawyers who handled the affairs of the Dominion Trust company it was only natural that a few months before the collapse, Mr. Arnold should present himself at the office of the attorney-general. At that time, Mr. Bowser claims that the government had undertaken an investigation of the affairs of the Dominion Trust company. Possibly Mr. Arnold suspected this and was in search of information. At all events, upon his visit, Mr. Arnold stated that a meeting of the directors was to be held within a few days.

"What do you think, Mr. Bowser," said he, "about the company passing a dividend?"

"That," said Mr. Bowser, "would be the craziest thing you have ever done, Arnold."

Mr. Bowser told the committee of depositors that with this Mr. Arnold appeared nervous, took his glasses off, wiped out a handkerchief and gently wiped the lenses as he turned the subject.

"I told my partner, R. L. Reid, immediately after my interview with Arnold," said Mr. Bowser to the committee, "to go down to that meeting of Dominion Trust directors and stop the passing of a dividend. I told him to stay there all day and all night if necessary, but not to allow a dividend to be passed. The company was on its last legs and in a hopeless condition."

"Mr. Reid protested," said Mr. Bowser, "he was of the opinion that everything was alright. I gave him the facts of the case as I knew them. He attended the meeting."

It is understood that at this meeting, which was a few days before the collapse, a dividend was passed, though notices were sent out later saying that the moneys would be withheld for the time being owing to the situation caused by the outbreak of war.

Inspector Rummel's Visit.

Mr. Bowser took the committee of depositors back to March last when, he said, he received the first intimation that the unstable condition of the Dominion Trust had been aggravated

by crooked work on the part of some one.

"It was in March that I sent Inspector Rummel to investigate the Dominion Trust company," said Mr. Bowser. The inspector asked Mr. Arnold at that time to show him the liquid assets for the payment of depositors.

"We haven't the money here," were Mr. Arnold's words to the inspector. "It's spread over all our branches. We have the money, but it would be impossible to carry it all at the Vancouver office."

"When Inspector Rummel reported to me," continued Mr. Bowser, "I asked him how long the thing could be kept going. 'It can be kept going,' replied Rummel, 'as long as that Canadian Home Investment cheque for \$47,000 is not presented for payment.'"

"In the meantime the department thought it well to have an auditor go over the books. In order to save talk among the employees and to allay suspicions, one of the company's own auditors were appointed, Mr. Hodges (of the firm of Riddell, Stead, Hodges & Weir, who for three years were the official auditors of the Dominion Trust company). 'It did not take Hodges long to find everything wrong.'"

Let us leave Mr. Bowser and the committee of depositors to consider then the state of affairs in the dying days of the Dominion Trust. We find at the head of the firm of lawyers who were supposed to advise Arnold and the directors of the Dominion Trust company, Mr. W. J. Bowser. We find that the man who was directed to audit the books of the Dominion Trust, a Mr. Hodges, the company's own auditor. We find at the head of the government whose duty it was to enforce the law regarding trust companies, Mr. W. J. Bowser. When Mr. Bowser instructed Hodges to "go out and get Arnold," Hodges made investigations which plainly showed the company to be bankrupt beyond recall. Yet the company's auditors, before this time, apparently could find no flaw in Dominion Trust affairs. The company, from financial statements published before the crash, was pictured as being as sound as the rock of Gibraltar, and it was so stated within the past year in the editorial columns of the daily papers of Vancouver.

History From 1912.

Mr. Bowser informed the committee of depositors of the history of the Dominion Trust company from 1912. "In that year," said he, "the company was incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada. The limited was dropped and the Dominion Trust company took over the assets and liabilities of the Dominion Trust company. Limited. There was a provision in their charter from the Dominion government which prohibited the company from taking deposits after April, 1912. Arnold, to get over this, applied to the provincial government for a special bill which would make it possible for them to take deposits. The bill was drawn up and though I, as legal adviser to the government, decided it was irregular, it was presented to the finance committee, who unanimously approved of it. I urged the finance committee of the house not to pass it, but my counsels were of no avail. The bill was passed by the house. I did not oppose it on the floor of the house."

Asked by members of the committee why he did not oppose it on the floor of the house, Mr. Bowser said, "I submitted to the passing of the bill. Had I opposed it, there would have been a split in the party and the government would have been defeated. I did not wish to risk the defeat of the government. They were all in favor of it."

Arnold's Fine Hand.

Again digressing from the interview between the committee of depositors and Mr. Bowser we find the government of British Columbia was right under the thumb of William R. Arnold. The Dominion government would not give Dominion Trust, the right to take deposits, yet the provincial government stepped in to amend, if you please, the acts of the Dominion parliament. Mr. Bowser opposed this. He knew that the provincial government could not, constitutionally, allow the Dominion Trust to take deposits when the federal government would not. The question arises as to what pressure Mr. Arnold brought to bear to have this illegal bill passed. Was it the wonderful personality of Arnold? Possibly there were private dinners at the Empress hotel previous to the passing of that ill-considered legislation. It is possible for the Dominion Trust company to rich money from the very pockets of the people whom the government is supposed to represent.

Continuing the interview, Mr. Bowser stated: "This bill at all events became law. It was in 1912 that we received a wire from the department of the interior at Ottawa calling attention to the fact that it was beyond our power to amend the acts of the Dominion government. I expected this and was prepared to receive such notice."

"Upon receipt of this wire, I sent for Arnold. He came over to Victoria and I showed the telegram to him. Arnold expressed himself as being 'sick of the whole business' of taking deposits. There was no money to be made in that department anyway. After March, 1914, Arnold told me, he would discontinue taking deposits. At that time the new Provincial Trust company legislation would come into effect. The bill passed the year before giving the Dominion Trust company the right to take deposits was of course repealed."

In answer to a query from one of the committee as to whether the Dominion government took any action to enforce the Dominion Trust company to abide by the law, Mr. Bowser made an important statement.

"The Dominion government," said Mr. Bowser, "feeling that the provincial government any embarrassment, allowed the matter to rest in our hands. We had the verbal promise from Mr. Arnold that the taking of deposits would be discontinued after March and informed the department at Ottawa to that effect."

It is apparent therefore that both the provincial government and the Dominion government knew that Arnold was breaking the law and stood silently by while the Dominion Trust company accepted monies from the aged, the infirm, the crippled, the widowed, the orphans, which monies were

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### TAXATION AND RETRENCHMENT.

To the Editor.—Victoria having spread itself for a number of years in finding work for the otherwise unemployed—principally, it seemed to me, for the entire outfit of the Canadian Mineral Rubber Co., now finds that it has run against a financial snag. Having, unfortunately, none of the supreme gifts of a "fairy godmother," which would enable it to shake down coin of the realm, legal tender, or scraps of paper, with reliable signatures thereon, into its coffers, a curtailment of expenses would seem to be in order.

The main source of supply is the taxes, unduly upon real estate. While the repayment of principal may be shouldered upon posterity when funds are borrowed, yet the interest, and sinking fund—provisions, like the idle rich, are ever present with us, causing a continual increase in taxation, whether by a rate on the assessed values of property or in rate of the levy.

To illustrate the upward tendency of the taxation barometer by pretty stiff jumps, I give the taxes on a 50-foot property for a number of years: 1907 and some years previous, \$28.50; 1908, \$33.85; 1909, \$41.50; 1910, \$52.05; 1911, \$55; 1912, \$70.92; 1913, \$97.45; 1914, \$108.20. Sewer and water frontage taxes were charged separately for a time, latterly included in the general tax.

In addition to the above, in 1912 local

improvement taxes, for street, sidewalk, etc., \$52.70, and cluster lights \$25.50 per annum were added for a ten-year term. (In 1914, \$7.20 was included in the general tax for upkeep of cluster lights.)

The result is, that, while three years ago rent of property paid taxes, insurance, incidentals and left a modest percentage on assessed value, this year, with the cut in rents, they do not pay the taxes.

As the foregoing is probably a fair sample of the real estate—taxpayer's position, it will be seen that there is a valid reason for an energetic protest against adding to the burden.

When the delegation in favor of retrenchment interviewed the council, according to report, the council wished for suggestions for cutting expenditure, but none were forthcoming. Here are some points that strike me:

If the council decide to go further in debt to provide work, they should see that the phrase "maximum wages, minimum hours," does not constitute the whole agreement.

Also, that they make their cut in civil salaries without interviewing each individual to see if he, or she, is verily anxious to have wages reduced, and make a bigger reduction in the higher salaries than their previous tentative proposals, which fell through when the parties interested raised objections.

Also, that they re-amalgamate those departments that were separated a short time ago, as there cannot be as much doing now as there was at that time.

And if they are really looking for further openings, then all members of the august body who are blessed (in these hard times) with a good salary, or retired on a reasonable competence, forgo their monthly stipends for the time being, or turn them into the fund for the unemployed.

If any of the foregoing (especially the last clause) should be favorably received by the council, it would be in order to recommend such to the 1915 body.

G. H. Victoria, Dec. 28, 1914.

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# SPORTING NEWS

## BAYLEY AND BURNS MAY MEET AT MERRITT OVER TWENTY ROUND ROUTE

Former Champion Has Offer of Fight for January 16; Heavies May Battle in March at Jaurez.

"I have an offer to fight Rough House Burns at Merritt on January 16," said Promoter Sterling. "I will drop my Australian trip for the present," was the statement of Joe Bayley, the former title holder upon his return from Merritt, this morning. Bayley states that he won easily from Johnny Moore, and he cannot understand the report sent out to the effect that the bout was called without a decision. It is true that the fight was stopped at midnight, but Moore was in a very weak condition and referee Barge had no hesitation in awarding Bayley the fight. Barge also wired east, stating that the fight would not be continued on Monday morning.

Cyclone Scott, who accompanied Bayley, says that the local boy fought a greatly improved battle, his work in close testing to the tricks that he learned while in the south. Bayley's hands stood the hammering in fine shape and the Victoria youth did not have a mark on him. He floored Moore a dozen times, the latter's seconds refusing to allow the colored boy to quit. Bayley enjoyed a sleigh ride while in the Nickel district, the first in years. He signed up for the Moore bout without a day's training, but says that he intends to work out regularly from now on, in the hopes of winning back his title.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29.—Jack Curley, promoter of the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard heavyweight boxing contest, said the date and place for the bout had not yet been selected. He denied a report that the fight had been set for Jaurez, Mexico, March 17, although he said the Mexican border town might be selected. He thought

the date probably would be March 6 or 8. Johnny Dundee is apparently nervous that the fight game will be dealt a death blow all over America by his actions. The Little New Yorker has signed to fight six battles, in six states, in six consecutive days.

Beginning on Monday, January 4, Johnny starts on his route. His first bout will be with a Newark lightweight in Newark. His second club will be with veteran Matty Baldwin in Boston, then he jumps on to Providence, where he battles Joe Phillips on Wednesday. From there he goes home to New York and takes on Leach Cross for ten rounds Thursday. Friday he's off to Baltimore and tackles George Chaney. Saturday he steps off at Philadelphia and takes on Sammy Robideau, this rounding up his week's work. Should Dundee accomplish this feat successfully he will, besides making a barrel of dough, secure a title bout with Freddie Welsh.

You will take notice that Johnny is meeting all these title aspirants in their home towns.

Newark promoters are selecting a home-brew to tackle him. Baldwin, his second opponent, was born and raised in Boston, where they fight Tuesday night. Phillips, his third rival, is an Englishman but makes his home in Providence. Cross, the fourth man to battle Johnny, is a New Yorker. In Baltimore the score of the fifth engagement is Chaney's home. Sammy Robideau, his last opponent, is a resident of Philadelphia. So Johnny is fighting these boys where he will have to win decisively to gain a decision. Most of the sport writers will give their native son the benefit of the doubt.

This is the first time in ring history that a boxer has fought six battles in six days. Up to recently six fights a month was remarkable. Battling Levensky recently fought four fights in one week. Now Dundee is endeavoring to take away the honors from New York Hebrew by fighting every day in the week, save Sunday. Johnny was always fond of action. He fought 24 fights in the year of 1912, and this is fighting some.

### TO-NIGHT'S MATCH



MIKEY MCKAY.

Crack Vancouver forward, who will be seen for the first time in the capital to-night, when the Terminus meet the Champions at the Willows Arena. McKay is a product of the Boundary League and is said to be one of the most promising youngsters ever brought to the coast.

### LACROSSE DANCE TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

A. A. U. President Says Joe Lally Must Back Down on Mann Cup; Peg Track Meet

For the purpose of selecting a date for their second dance of the season, a meeting of the members of the Victoria Lacrosse club will be held at Dr. G. A. B. Hall's office to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The success of the first dance of the club, held in November, has greatly encouraged the V. L. A. members, and they look for another crowded ball room when they give their second dance next month.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—Thomas Boyd, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, has returned from Ottawa where he attended the annual meeting, and was elected to the chief executive position. Speaking of the lacrosse dispute over the ownership of the Mann cup, Mr. Boyd states he was not present at the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Lacrosse association as a delegate, but as an interested spectator.

"I think the association made the only possible ruling they could in the case," he said. "The Canadian champions, all their players were vouched for by the Amateur union and the cup trustees. Joe Lally apparently made no attempt to consult the amateur authorities either of British Columbia or the Dominion before declaring Kendall a professional. The lacrosse people are determined to control their own sport, and if Mr. Lally cannot come to an understanding with them regarding the Mann cup, a new trophy will be secured."

Mr. Boyd is confident that the next annual meeting will come to Winnipeg and track championships may also be held here next year if the local branch is willing to handle the meet.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—There were no fatalities in college athletics, but numerous minor injuries in the eighth district, according to the report of Professor O. G. Lester, of the University of Colorado, submitted to-day to the National College Athletic Association in convention here. The Pacific north-west conference recently rejected a proposal to permit summer baseball, says the report, while the Montana Agricultural college will permit it, effective September 1915.

### BASKETBALL LEAGUE TO OPEN SATURDAY

Great interest is being taken in the Church Basketball league which opens in the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night. This season the league is a six team organization, and the officers are working hard to have the teams as evenly matched as possible. Without the services of their leader, Archie Willis, and a few other members, the Metropolitan team, holders of the Knox shield, will have to fight hard to retain the trophy. Saturday night they meet the Fairlight Methodist team in the opening game at 8.30. Knox Presbyterian and the First Baptist teams are booked for the second game of the evening.

### SMITH WINS A BOUT.

New York, Dec. 29.—Gunboat Smith, of California, so far outclassed Chick Carney, of Philadelphia, that the referee stopped the fight in the third round last night. Willie Beecher, a local lightweight, knocked out Tim O'Neill of Boston in one round.

### HUNT CLUB MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Victoria Hunt Club at 5.30 to-morrow (Wednesday) at the offices of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Fort street.

## MANY CHANGES ON SPOKANE INDIANS

Wholesale Cleanup Follows Mike Lynch's Release; Casey May Not Umpire Next Year

According to printed stories by Newt Colver, the well-known Spokane baseball critic and statistician, the following players will not be with the Spokane Indians when the spring training season starts:

Danny Shea released, Lou Nordyke not reserved, Joe Wagner sold to Cincinnati, Willis Butler permitted to make a deal for himself, Pitcher Toser not reserved and Outfielder Hogan, who is to be traded or sold. This means that the Reds will have practically a new lineup when they face the starter next April.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—There is a rumor that Pearl Casey, who umpired the big majority of Northwest League games in Vancouver last summer, will not be seen on the diamond next season. The reason given is that Casey does not pull any local weight with some of the directors of the league.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—President Tener of the National League recently gave out a statement in which he declared that Charles W. Murphy really is "out of baseball."

Mr. Tener intimated that in discussing baseball affairs for publication, Mr. Murphy is imposing on the newspaper, assuming an authority which he does not possess.

At the very moment, Mr. Tener was making these statements there reposed in Charles W. Murphy's strong box in Chicago the majority stock of two baseball teams—one fourth of the entire league presided over by Mr. Tener.

Held as Collateral. Just to demonstrate conclusively how far Mr. Murphy is out of baseball at present, here is what he has locked up in his safe in that city.

(1). The majority stock of the Philadelphia National League club, which is in his hands as security for \$100,000 owed by the club to Murphy. The next payment of this loan is due in January. It is fair to assume that if Murphy fails to collect this money he will foreclose and take possession of the Philadelphia club.

(2). The controlling stock of the Chicago Cubs, placed in his hands as collateral when Charles P. Taft took over Murphy's stock in the club. This stock is security for a large indebtedness, and, as in the case previously cited, it is fair to assume that unless Mr. Taft meets his payments promptly Mr. Murphy will foreclose and take possession of the Chicago Cubs.

### NEW CUPS FOR THE LOCAL SOCCER CLUBS

Additional Cup Ties Will Be Scheduled by B. C. F. A.; Holiday Team Chosen

President Dave Bain announced this morning that there would be two extra cup ties for the local soccer clubs after the City League schedule has been completed. He has secured the promise of a well-known sportsman for a handsome cup to be given to the local section of the B. C. F. A. for inter-club competition, while the Sir John Jackson trophy will be given to the winner of the preliminary matches of the McBride shield contest. The details of the extra cup ties will be given out later.

Last night's gathering of the Victoria Football association in the Y. M. C. A. hall, which was a snappy sitting, a team to oppose Vancouver New Year's Day was selected. News was received that John Jackson Co. had donated a trophy for an island league, and Saturday matches were arranged.

It is doubtful if the All-Star team selected to oppose Vancouver in the inter-city match New Year's Day could be strong in both attack and defence. The team selected was as follows: Goal, Shrimpton (Thistles); backs, Whyte (West), and Taylor (Thistles); halves, Niven (Jacksons), Adams (Thistles), Allen (Jacksons); forwards, Karley (Jacksons), Nichol (Jacksons), Pickering (Thistles), Muir (Thistles), Clarkson (Jacksons), Reserve: Sherriff (Jacksons), Blendall (Jacksons), and Inglis (Thistles). Referee, Allen; ground to be announced later.

The following games are scheduled for Saturday: Sir John Jacksons vs. Victoria West, at Royal Athletic park; referee, Douglas. High School vs. Victoria West, at Beacon Hill. Wests vs. Empires; referee, Allen; ground to be announced later.

London, Dec. 29.—The following are the results of the scheduled league football games played yesterday on the grounds of the first named club:

First Division.  
Chelsea, 1; Burnley, 4.  
Sheffield United, 1; Notts County, 0.  
Second Division.  
Birmingham, 3; Notts Forest, 0.  
Leicester Fosse, 0; Derby County, 0.  
Southern League.  
Crystal Palace, 2; Norwich City, 1.  
Northampton, 1; Exeter City, 1.  
Swindon Town, 1; Croeydon Common, 1.  
Bristol Rovers, 1; Southend United, 1.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

## LEAGUE LEADERS MEET CHAMPIONS IN CRUCIAL COAST LEAGUE BATTLE

Vancouver Favorites in Betting Over Local Septette; Victoria Players Look for a Real Come-back

"Vancouver's speed cannot be any greater than that of the Portland club, and on our home ice we should win by two or three goals from the Terminus." That is the manner in which the Victoria hockey squad size-up to-night's match at the Willows arena against the Coast League leaders. Vancouver has not yet lost a game, while the champions have been trampled into the mud three times in a row, the locals failing utterly to hold their opponents in any of their games to date. It will be a battle of the giants to-night, for with Vancouver touted as the coming champions, the title holders of 1913-1914 will surely fight to the last ditch before they lower their colors to the mainland aggregation.

Victoria simply must win to-night's fixture if the Senators are to remain in the fight for the championship. Manager Patrick figures that his team are simply lumbering from the effect of two championships in a row. The team got away to a punk start a year ago and their sensational finish of 1913 is still fresh in the minds of the local fans. The team, however, are not looking for any given chase, for they know that if either Vancouver or Portland get off to a flying start that it will take an awful lot of good hockey to overhaul them. The breaks have all

been going to the other club in Victoria's games to date, though the team received a regular walloping at Portland on Saturday night.

Captain St. Grills will start out with the team that has copped three in a row for the Millionaires and the betting is strong in Vancouver that the latter club will repeat their win over Victoria. Vancouver was lucky to win the opening game at the Terminal City three weeks ago, while only their excellent condition enabled them to beat Portland a week ago. Victoria took no chances on going stale by practicing yesterday, the team resting up for to-night's crucial fixture.

Changes may be looked for on the local club if the team does not come through with a win, for Manager Patrick does not believe in carrying men who cannot deliver the goods. Several trades have been talked of but nothing will be done pending the come back which the champions are due to stage in to-night's clash.

Victoria.	Position.	Vancouver.
Lindsay	Goal	Lehman
Genge	Point	Cook
Patrick	Cover	Griffs
Poulin	Rover	Taylor
Dunderdale	Centre	McKay
Small	Right Wing	Mallen
Kerr	Left Wing	Nighors

New York, Dec. 29.—The Ottawa College hockey team defeated the Crescent A. C. team of Brooklyn here last night, 7 to 3.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The Independent Hockey league ushered in the season in Winnipeg last night, when the Falcons defeated the Strathconas 6 to 5 in

## PORTLAND STAR'S SPEED SAVED LIFE WHEN CROWD STARTED AFTER HIM

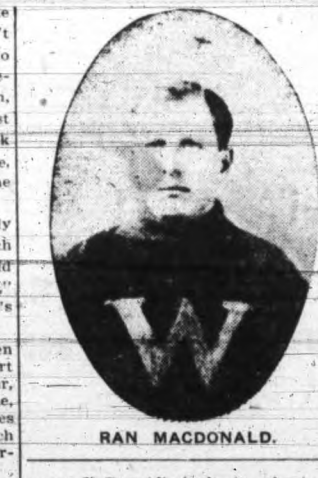
People who see Ran McDonald, the Portland hockey player, in action, don't believe that he looks like a desperado or horse thief. In fact, he has a gentlemanly appearance even in his uniform, which is considered a rather trying test in this direction. No one would think that Ran was chased by a mob once, vowing for his blood on account of the dastardly deeds he had committed. But such is the case, and it was only because of his speed on skates which allowed him to get away. McDonald did an "Eliza crossing the ice stunt," which had the best of the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" shows backed to a standstill.

This happened back in 1910, when McDonald was playing with the Fort William hockey team. Fort Arthur, another city, was in the same league, only two miles distant. These places were connected by street cars, which ran right by the door of the Fort Arthur ice rink.

There was considerable rivalry between these towns, which are located close to Lake Superior, and on the evening in question Fort William was playing at Fort Arthur.

During the course of the game McDonald took a swing at one of his opponents with his club. He did this to keep the other fellow away from him, and didn't hit him, but his opponent "foxed," as they call it, or apparently collapsed, unconscious. McDonald turned the same trick in the game against Vancouver here, when Lehman apparently felled him, and it fooled the majority of the crowd.

The Fort Arthur fans thought it was the real thing, also, and some of them clambered over the barrier, prepared to do bodily harm to McDonald. Quiet was finally declared, however, without loss of blood, and the game proceeded. But when the third period ended the score stood a tie. Accordingly, overtime was called for, and it happened



RAN McDONALD.

to be McDonald's luck to shoot the winning goal.

Of course, the game ended then and there. The crowd was furious over the double dose McDonald had handed Fort Arthur, and started to swarm to get McDonald.

The latter lost no time in beating it, however. He didn't wait to get his clothes, but clambered over the railing, shot through a small exit door and started for the street, with the mob after him.

This was no time to stop and meditate. Accordingly he hit down the road to Fort William on his skates, going like mad. The road was in good condition, frozen solidly by extremely cold weather, and McDonald never stopped skating until he reached the friendly confines of Fort William, where he was safe. The Portland star never wasted any time in covering those two miles, and declares that he has never worked as hard as he did that night.

## SOLDIERS WILLING TO PLAY OFF TIE

Rugby Teams Likely to Meet Again Before Willows Fifteen Leave for England

Another rugby treat is in store for the Victoria enthusiasts, the City Representative fifteen and the Willows aggregation being booked for a second clash. This game was decided upon at last night's meeting of the Victoria Rugby Union, and a member of the Willows team stated this morning that the Soldiers would be only too glad of the opportunity to settle Saturday's tie, providing their camp duties would permit of such a game being played. Next Saturday the B. C. Horse and Welsh club will play at the Willows, while at Oak Bay the James Bay fifteen will meet a picked intermediate fifteen.

The Bays are the leaders in the Barnard cup series, the standing being as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
James Bay	2	0
Victoria West	0	2

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Keep the physically unfit and the untrained players out of football and the game will be free from danger, was the opinion set forth to-day in the report of the committee on fatalities in football submitted to the convention of the National Collegiate Athletic association.

Dr. G. O. W. Ehler, of the University of Wisconsin, chairman of the committee, in the report said that the associations should go on record to point out the dangers of the game that exist for those who are physically unfit, either because of age or weakness and the untrained athlete. He urged that all candidates for teams submit to a rigid medical and physical examination.

Of the thirteen players reported to have died during 1914, from the results of participation in football games or practice, Dr. Ehler said that only three of these were college men and that only one was a member of a regular varsity team.

## SPORTING GOSSIP

Vancouverers are due for a beating to-night.

The champions are due for a come-back with a vengeance.

Thistles have not won a game since they lost the West protest.

Old Martin fights Battling Robinson to-night.

Craig played a swell game in goal for the C. P. R. team Saturday.

Johnny Rawlings is wintering in Los Angeles.

"Poke" Gravin writes from Salisbury that he would like to return to Victoria for a game of ball.

Danny Shea will be released by the Spokane club.

President Farr will re-organize the Spokane team.

Bayley handed Moore an awful lot of punishment at Merritt on Saturday night.

O'Leary and Ray Campbell fight on New Year's Day at Everett over the four-round route.

Vancouver soccer team plays here on the holiday against a picked Victoria eleven.

## REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Spokane Shaking Up Their Veterans.

While F. C. Farr has not yet made public the name of his manager for 1915, it is a good bet that Nick Williams will handle the Indians. The Spokane team is said to have put through a deal with Portland whereby the Indians will secure the surplus talent of the Coast league club, and one of the provisions that McCredie exacted is said to have been Williams' appointment as Spokane pilot. The fact that the Spokane manager must have sold Wagner to Cincinnati, given Butler a chance, to make a deal for himself and let go of Joseph St. John and Archie Smith, shows that they are building of players from a source that can be depended upon. If Williams is given the managership he can secure a bunch of promising young players, including Haworth, Guigui, Coffin and a host of young twirlers. There will be plenty of players on the market this year, as the Coast leagues cannot carry more than eighteen men.

Comfortable Hockey on the coast.

In the report that came over the wires from the east on the opening matches of the National Hockey association, that one from Quebec which included the note that the temperature was twelve degrees below zero. While Ottawa was beating Quebec, must have sent an icy chill down the spines of the former easterners. Just imagine sitting out at the Willows with the thermometer below zero, and our home team getting walloped. Artificial ice has given hockey a great boost and the eastern magnates are only finding out now that it is cheaper to have their arenas piped, than to depend upon Jack Frost for the ice surface. Another important matter is that if necessary, the coast arenas can be heated, as is done at New York and Boston, for the comfort of their patrons. Happily, however, this is not necessary, for we can see the greatest hockey in the world without muffling up in furs to any great extent.

The Laborer Who Worked Himself Sick.

(It was learned to-day from a reliable source, that, etc.—Any newspaper.) Into my sanctum a wan figure staggered; Pleading, he dropped to his knees, Cried out this yoked—pale, worn, torn and haggard— "Mister, lay off of me, please!"

"I got Hugh Jennings to manage the Yanks. I signed McBride as a Fed, I released Baker, and got little thanks For saying the outlaws were dead."

"I traded Caldwell, sent Marquard away; I bought up Sherwood, Magee; Ain't that enough? Can't you, just for one one, Pick on somebody 'sides me?"

"Your name, sir?" "I asked him. 'I don't know you, Al.' (His face was familiar, of course.) 'Don't know me?' he cried. 'The sport writer's pal! I'm A Reliable Source!'"



**FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILE**  
FOR SALE—5-passenger Overland  
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**NOTICE.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that a resolution will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session by the incorporation of the District of Saanich into an Act to be entitled "Saanich Municipality Act 1955":

(a) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality in addition to all contained in Subsec. 103, of Sec. 5 of the Municipal Act, to pass a By-law of the owners or occupants of any property, tenement, lot or part thereof, both, in, through, or past which water main or pipe s.all run, a rent or charge for the use or occupation of the water, whether such occupant shall use the water or is connected or not with the water main or pipe, charging the

or lessee of each vacant property, a part of lot, fronting on any street, through or past which any water pipes are to be placed, provided that no main runs in, through or past said property, lot or part of lot.

reasonable rent of change of ownership  
opportunity to purchase the property.  
may any connection or not, it  
providing that these powers shall  
to all waterworks heretofore con-  
under Local Improvement System  
taken over by the Municipality.  
any other waterworks construction  
municipality heretofore voted.

(b) Authorizing the Council of the  
city when a work is to be or has  
done either under the Municipal  
Local Improvement Act when a  
rate is incapable of direct assess-  
ation, or when the available prop-  
erty cost of any such work against  
the area or areas whether subdivided  
and whether the same has or has  
frontage on any street; and

(c) To take over, alter and improve waterworks, mains, pipes or plant for or hereafter constructed, and

(d) Authorizing the Municipality to borrow any amount for fire protection purposes;

(e) Validating the Marigold and  
wood Local Improvement By-Laws  
additional By-Laws affecting the  
to be hereafter passed defining it  
set out in said By-Laws and fix-  
assessments and permitting the  
pality to assess and collect the  
costs of the works.

(f) And for such other powers  
be necessary or convenient in con-  
with the above.

Dated this 1st day of December  
BARNARD. ROBERTSON, H  
MAN & TAIT.

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE**

Under and by virtue of the contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage dated the 5th day of January, 1900, the undersigned is instructed by the signee of the Mortgage to offer for sale the following lands:

Lots Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) in Block One (1); Lots Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), Twenty-eight (28), in Block Four (4), of the City of New York.

tion of Lot Two (2) and Lot Three (3) of Suburban Lot Forty-one (41) and Lot Forty-two (42), and the west corner of Section Eleven (11) of the 36th District, according to a map on file in the Land Registry Office, City of Victoria, and there is no objection to the same, and in accordance with the above-mentioned property was received by the undersigned up to the day of January, 1915.

The highest of any tender is

one, safely accepted.  
 10th For further particulars and  
 Ave. of sale apply to  
 324 C. G. WHITE,  
 Of Room 203, Central Build  
 1008- Street, Victoria, B. C.,  
 1937 Solicitor for the Assignee of t  
 1129 gaged.

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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a  
will be made to the Board of  
Commissioners for the City of  
at their next sitting, for a trial  
the Hotel License to sell liquor  
now held by me in respect of  
Gloria Hotel, situate at No. 140  
West Street, in the City of Vlor

ment sales to my wife, I have  
myself to Joseph Palagno.  
Dated this 11th day of Decem  
A. E. B.

**CORPORATION OF THE D**  
**OF OAK BAY**  
Court of Revision of Voters  
Public Notice is hereby g

the Court of Revision of the  
List will be held in the Court  
room, Oak Bay avenue, on  
January 4, 1915, at 8 p.m.  
F. W. CLAY

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Patterson and Oswald Henry trading as 581 Johnson street, B. C. (as Patterson & Dorman and Gents' Furnishers), is dissolved by mutual consent on the 19th of December, 1914. Oswald H. Do

receive all moneys due the firm  
all legal debts of the same  
above date.

**EDWARD PATTERSON**  
**OSWALD HENRY D**

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**TENDERS.**

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Tenders for the supply of

four-foot, best red or yellow fir delivered on various school directed, will be received up to on Wednesday afternoon next. Secretary of the Victoria School Board Office, City Hall, 1914.

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## WE HAVE A CLIENT

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1/4 Acres near University school, all in bearing orchard, 4-roomed cottage. Price \$4,000.

### TO RENT

1224 Johnson St.—6 rooms. \$15.00  
1113 Yates St.—4-room suite. \$12.00  
2012 Chaucer St.—5 rooms; partly furnished. \$17.50  
1028 Mason St.—5 rooms. \$16.00  
736 King's Rd.—6 rooms. \$17.50  
1245 Acton St.—7 rooms, new. \$20.00

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# Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

## CARRYING BIG CARGO

### NIPPON LINER SAILS

Sado Maru Has Much Cotton, Wheat and Flour; Passenger Travel Falls Off

Carrying exceptionally large shipments of cotton, flour and wheat the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, Capt. Asakawa, is clearing for Yokohama, Shanghai, Manila and Hongkong at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon. The steamship has stowed beneath her hatches a total of 7,000 tons of freight, and according to news from Seattle she was unable to accommodate all the cargo that was booked for her. The cotton movement is now in full swing, and outward ships will have little difficulty in filling their holds for the next month or two. Flour and wheat are also moving across the Pacific to the Orient in large quantities, although general merchandise is not being exported in nearly the same bulk as previously.

The passenger travel between this coast and the Far East has shown a decided falling off. The Sado is sailing with a good list of saloon and steerage passengers, but is not full up. James Edwards and R. Ryder, together with two Chinese, are the first cabin travelers who will embark here and proceed to Hongkong. Seventy-five Chinese are booked for steerage passage.

No News From Yokohama.  
Capt. Komatsubara, master of the liner Yokohama Maru, of the same fleet, did not report by wireless last night. The ship is inbound from the Far East, and according to a radio-gram received on Monday night the master stated that he would arrive at William Head on Wednesday evening. By this it was assumed that the steamship would be too late to pass quarantine. The Yokohama Maru, however, is a fast vessel and Capt. Komatsubara may try and reach the station before the sun drops behind the Sooke Hills to-morrow afternoon. A strong southeast gale has broken over the west coast during the last 24 hours and if the Yokohama strikes it she will no doubt experience a delay, which may make it impossible for her to reach William Head until some time to-morrow night.

## 'FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Capt. Read, of the Standard Oil company's British tanker Tatarax, arriving yesterday morning from Shanghai, reported that he encountered severe north and northwest gales during the first week of the voyage. A tremendous sea accompanied the blow and at times the tanker's decks were swept, but no damage was done. The Tatarax made the voyage in twenty days in ballast.

The liner President, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, arrived yesterday morning from Puget Sound port and continued in the afternoon for Los Angeles and San Diego.

To finish loading for Liverpool direct, the British freighter Discoverer, Capt. Rushforth, of the Harrison Direct line, came in yesterday morning from Puget Sound.

## AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

Mariners are notified that the red spar buoy off Shoal Point will be moved in position 120 feet easterly in a line directly towards the Shoal Point beacon. It will then be about 240 feet from the beacon.

Four ground extends between the buoy and this beacon. This change will be made on or about Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1914, without further notice.

## TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Yokohama Maru	Komatsubara	4,200	G. Northern	Hongkong	Dec. 29
Tanbo	...	3,773	Balfour, Guthrie	Viadivostok	Dec. 31
Director	Kobayashi	3,620	R. P. Rithet	Liverpool	Jan. 10
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Director	Kobayashi	3,620	R. P. Rithet	Liverpool	Jan. 10

## DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.

Sado Maru, G. N. Hongkong	Dec. 29
Seattle Maru, R. P. Rithet, H'k'g	Jan. 5
Yokohama Maru, G. N. Hongkong	Jan. 10
Mexico Maru, R. P. Rithet, H'k'g	Jan. 10
Makura, C. P. R. Australia	Jan. 20
Antiochus, Dodwell, Liverpool	Jan. 20
Niagara, C. P. R. Sydney	Feb. 7
Ixion, Dodwell, Liverpool	Feb. 17

## SAILERS COMING.

Columbia, American schooner, from Salaverry, Peru, for Royal Roads. To load lumber at Vancouver for Australia. Waifu, Norwegian barque, from Africa, Chile, to load lumber at Victoria. Left Africa Oct. 20.

## FERRY SERVICES.

For Vancouver.  
Princess Victoria leaves 1.45 p.m. daily.  
Princess Alice leaves 11.45 p.m. daily.  
For Seattle.  
Princess Victoria leaves 4.30 p.m. daily.  
Princess Mary arrives 6.30 a.m. daily.

## BELIEVE IRMGARD TO

### BE IN DIFFICULTIES

Barquentine Supposed to Be Wrecked in Hawaiian Group; Assistance Sent

Honolulu, Dec. 29.—Somewhere south of the island of Oahu, the American barquentine Irmgard is supposed to be in need of assistance. It is believed she has not passed beyond the possibility of aid. The liner Sonoma, which sailed from here last night for Sydney, reported by wireless that the Irmgard was in distress, but a tug sent from Honolulu returned, unable to find any trace of the windmill.

The Irmgard is bound from Levuka, Fiji Islands, for San Francisco. She is a wooden vessel of 671 tons and was built in Port Blakeley in 1889. She is owned in San Francisco.

The Irmgard left Levuka on October

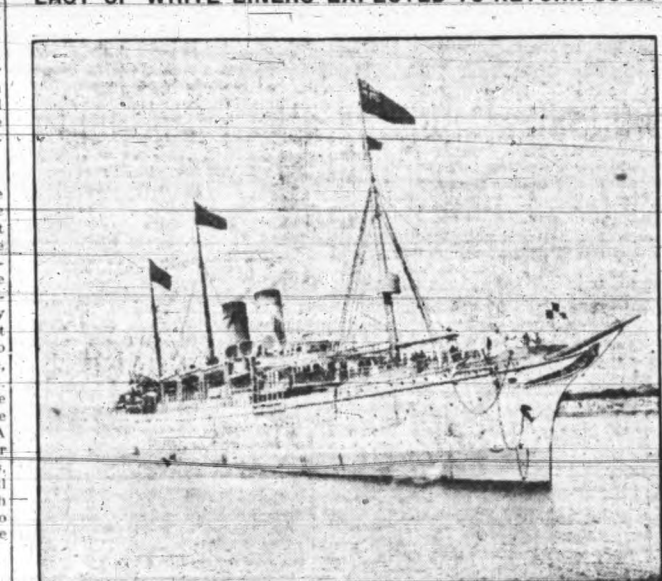
## SUBSIDY OF JAPANESE

### LINE IS IN BALANCE

Dissolution of Diet May Affect Service of Nippon Yusen Kaisha

Through the dissolution of the Imperial diet of Japan on Friday last there is considerable speculation here as to whether or not the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will carry out the plans it has formulated for increasing its service in the Pacific. The company announced its intention of sending larger, faster and more modern ships to Victoria, and was depending upon the passage of the budget, whereby it was to receive an increased subsidy. But now the government has been dissolved until after the new election. If Seiyukai's party is returned to power the budget will probably be passed, but if the opposition is given

## LAST OF WHITE LINERS EXPECTED TO RETURN SOON



R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN

Although no authentic news has been received it is rumored that the Empress of Japan will be released by the British Admiralty very shortly and return to the trans-Pacific trade. The Japan is the last of the famous C. P. R. old white liners. The Empress of China was wrecked on the Japanese coast three years ago and the Gaekwar of Baroda has purchased the Empress of India for a hospital ship and renamed her the Loyalty. The Montague has been released by the Admiralty and will leave Hongkong for Victoria about the middle of next month.

3 and is out 87 days to-day, which is a slow voyage. If the vessel has encountered difficulties she was a long way off her course, as mariners coming up the Pacific from the Antipodes, in sail vessels usually give the Hawaiian Islands a wide berth. The Irmgard is well-known here and further news of the reported mishap to her is being awaited with interest by local shipping men.

New York, Dec. 29.—The three-masted schooner Warren Adams, which sailed December 21 from Charleston, S. C., for Philadelphia, with lumber was wrecked by a gale Christmas Day and abandoned in a sinking condition December 27, according to her crew of seven rescued by the Norwegian steamer Joseph J. Cuneo, from Kingston, and landed here to-day. Nothing was saved from the schooner except a few nautical instruments.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha receives many favors from the Japanese government. Some of the directors of the company occupy seats in the house and succeed in keeping the needs of the line well before the government. As a result the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has received several handsome subsidies.

It was the intention of the Nippon company to send two new steamships here next year. Several of the ships at present in service have been found too small, and they were to be withdrawn and substituted for by the new liners. For a time, however, this work will be held up.

## TIDE TABLE.

December.

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## FAMOUS OLD PACKET TO BE SALVAGE SHIP

Freighter Edith, Palatial Yacht in 1882, to Strip Steamship Olympia

Still staunch and seaworthy despite the ups and downs that have marked her long career, the old steam freighter Edith, which has served as everything from a palatial steam-yacht to an itinerant cargo-carrier is about to change her trade once again. In the spring she is to leave Seattle outfitted as a wrecker. The Edith will endeavor to strip the hull of the steamship Olympia which has been perched for several years on a reef in Prince William Sound, of her engines, boilers and other fixtures of value. The Edith is well-known here as she operated for some time in a freight service between Victoria and Puget Sound. She was withdrawn because she was believed unseaworthy, but an examination last week showed that notwithstanding the public belief to the contrary the freighter is still good for a few years' service.

At a marshal's sale recently at Seattle the Edith was purchased for \$700. Captain Harry W. Crosby, of the Washington Tug & Barge company and Ben Markus, of Markus & Neider, machinery dealers, for use in wrecking the Olympia. The freighter is fitted with heavy spars and booms and powerful steam winches that will enable her to tackle the wrecking job without difficulty.

The Olympia is owned by the Alaska Steamship company and will be wrecked under a working agreement between Markus and that corporation. Captain Crosby has become Markus' partner in the enterprise.

Built as a Yacht.  
The freighter Edith was built in San Francisco in 1882 as a pleasure yacht for H. F. Ralston, a well-known millionaire of the Golden Gate port at that time. Everything that money could purchase went into her construction, equipment and furnishings. Ralston entertained on the yacht on an elaborate scale, the Edith being the scene of some of the most noteworthy social affairs of the day in San Francisco. In the course of time, Ralston found himself in financial difficulties and killed himself.

The millionaire's estate sold the Edith to Puget Sound capitalists who converted her into a passenger, freight and mail steamboat. Before many years the Edith began to slide into obscurity. As Puget Sound developed and water traffic grew heavier, she found herself outclassed by larger and more commodious vessels. She took another step down in the social ladder and changed to a freighter. Later she switched again and bi-partisan out as a fishing boat, being operated in conjunction with the steamship Zepora by the International Fisheries company, of Tacoma. A few days ago, having outlived her usefulness as a fishing vessel, she returned to the job of freighter. Since then she has led a varied career as a Sound cargo tramp.

The Edith has changed hands so often that no one attempts to recall her list of owners. Almost as often as she changed hands, some alteration was made in her architecture. She has been rebuilt so many times that she bears little or no resemblance to the palatial yacht that slid from the ways in San Francisco in 1882.

No effort will be made by Crosby and Markus to get the steamship Olympia off the reef in Prince William Sound. The vessel's hull is so badly damaged by the rock on which it impaled that any attempt to float her would prove a waste of money. All her brass work, copper, iron and machinery, valued at many thousands of dollars, will be removed with the aid of the Edith and brought to Seattle. The Olympia rests on the reef in such a position that she appears to be afloat and undamaged. Her bunkers contain 1,500 tons of coal which will be burned by the Edith while in Prince William Sound.

## HONORS ARE EVEN IN TOWBOAT COMPETITION

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 29.—The Norwegian barque Olausson from Iquique, Chile, towed into port yesterday by the tug Onontia. The British barque Kinross-shire left yesterday for Portland and will load grain for the United Kingdom.

The light-house tender Manzanita began work yesterday morning replacing the five gas buoys that mark the channel between here and HARBINGTON point. These buoys were taken up a few days ago on account of the floating ice.

G. H. Bowker has been appointed local agent for the Puget Sound Tugboat company, and General Manager. Plummer is expected here within the next few days to open headquarters and make arrangements for pilots. The company has also arranged to have the steamer F. B. Jones tow ships to and from Portland. Neither of the company's two tugs, the Tatooch and Goliath, which are in service here, but it is understood they are to have plants installed immediately. Up to yesterday honors were even between the two rival tugboat companies in the race for incoming vessels off the mouth of the river.

The rivalry has extremely spirited and the tugs are cruising so far as 30 or 40 miles off shore seeking tugs. On Saturday the Wallula picked up the British barque Kinross-shire, while the Tatooch secured the Russian barque Port Caladonia and the Goliath got the Norwegian barque Lindfield. On Sunday the Onontia put a hawser on board the Norwegian ship Songvand, making two vessels for each company.

Visiting—Chaplain—Ah, my brother, this world is full of trials. Prisoner—Oh, dry up, guv'nor. Think I dunno that. It ain't the trials I mind; it's the verdicts.

## Transatlantic Sailings for England

### NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Tourist Sleepers on North-Coast Limited in connection with the following sailings:

S. S. "HESPERIAN"	From St. John	January 8
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S. S. "FRANCONIA"	From New York	January 9
S. S. "MEGANTIC"	From New York	January 13
S. S. "MISSANABIE"	From St. John	January 15
S. S. "PHILADELPHIA"	From New York	January 16

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### NEW YEAR HOLIDAY RATES

Tickets for the above holiday will be sold at single fare and one-fifth for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on the following dates:  
To points on Courtenay Branch, on sale December 31st. Final return limit, January 4th, 1915.  
To points on Port Alberni Branch, on sale December 30th and January 1st. Final return limit, January 2nd, 1915.  
To points on Lake Cowichan Branch, on sale Dec. 30th. Final return limit, January 2nd, 1915.  
From and to all stations between Victoria and Parkville, on sale December 31st and January 1st, 1915. Final limit, January 2nd, 1915.  
Full particulars on application. Phone 1594-156-174  
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Nanaimo	Union Bay	Comox
Green Point Rapids	Surge Narrows	Kingcome Inlet
Bute Inlet		Jervis Inlet

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## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 29.

Bellingham.—Sailed: Str. Corozal,

for Genoa Bay, at 4 p. m.

Port Blakeley.—Sailed: Str. Bainbridge, for Port Angeles, towing, at 7 a. m.

Eagle Harbor.—Sailed: Str. James H. Bruce, for Tacoma, towing, at 7 a. m.

Tacoma.—Arrived: Str. Wilmington, from Seattle; str. James H. Bruce, from Eagle Harbor, towing. Sailed: Str. Sado Maru, Wilmington and Alameda, for Seattle.

San Francisco.—Arrived: Str. Grace, from Seattle and Tacoma, at 4 a. m.; str. Shasta, from Gray's Harbor, from str. Coronado and Gray's Harbor, from Tacoma; str. Multnomah, from the Columbia river; str. Lewis Luckenbach, from New York; str. Rosalie Mahony, from Tacoma, Everett and Port Angeles; str. Discoverer, from Puget Sound; str. F. S. Loop, from Astoria; str. President, from Seattle; str. Peter H. Crowell, from Seattle, via Nanaimo; Sailed: Str. Willamette, for Portland, Ore.

Vancouver.—Arrived: Str. Col. E. L. Drake, from Seattle.

Aberdeen.—Arrived: Str. Tamalpais, from San Francisco.

Mukilteo.—The str. Colusa arrived from Tacoma Saturday night. She is taking on 2,800,000 feet of lumber for Australia and will sail Wednesday night.

New York, Dec. 29.—Sailed: Str. Henry Luckenbach, for San Francisco.

Cristobal, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Windber, from New York for Bellingham.

Balboa, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Str. Carolyn, from San Francisco for New York, and proceeded; str. Santa Cruz, from Seattle for New York, and proceeded.

Manila



# MONEY TO LOAN

# P. R. BROWN

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505 Wilmet Place, 7 rooms, per month	\$20.00	Cave St., 3 rooms, per month	\$9.00	1255 Ash St., 10 rooms, per month	\$24.00
637 Pine St., 7 rooms, per month	\$20.00	2088 Bouchier St., 5 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1213 Quadra, 6 rooms, per month	\$15.00
1148 Fort St., 8 rooms, per month	\$20.00	510 Courtney St., 9 rooms, per month	\$20.00	2740 Aqueduct St., 7 rooms, per month	\$17.50
1148 Fort St., 8 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1150 Patsford St., 7 rooms, per month	\$15.00	1417 Camosun St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00
1925 Fowl Bay Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1162 View St., 7 rooms, per month	\$15.00	629 View St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00
1241 Hamilton St., 8 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1915 Davis St., 7 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1728 Davis St., 7 rooms, per month	\$20.00
1019 Bank St., 7 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1925 Ducess St., 5 rooms, per month	\$12.00	612 Niagara St., 5 rooms, per month	\$20.00
2540 Fernwood Rd., 7 rooms, per month	\$20.00	556 Fowl Bay Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$20.00	215 Work St., 3 rooms, per month	\$8.00
1251 Pandora Ave., 12 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1261 Beach Drive, 8 rooms, per month	\$20.00	561 Pandora Ave., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00
176 First St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00	1261 Beach Drive, 8 rooms, per month	\$20.00	552 Blanshard St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00
1291 Pandora Ave., 6 rooms, per month	\$15.00	1835 Lee Ave., 6 rooms, per month	\$15.00	127 Herald St., 8 rooms, per month	\$15.00
1746 King's Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$15.00	1234 Shakespeare St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00	1262 Beach Drive, 8 rooms, per month	\$20.00
1906 Yates St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00	1234 Shakespeare St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00	228 Work St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00
654 Trillick Ave., 8 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1234 Shakespeare St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00	1234 King's Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$20.00
624 Fernwood Rd., 7 rooms, per month	\$20.00	1234 Shakespeare St., 5 rooms, per month	\$15.00	24 Dupplin Rd., 3 rooms, per month	\$8.00
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## MANUFACTURERS HAVE CHANCE AT CONTRACTS

Word Received by Board of Trade That British Government Wants Supplies

That there is a chance for British Columbia woolen manufacturers to land a large British government contract for soldiers' clothing was the news contained in a telegram read at the board of trade council meeting this morning from Sir George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce. The wire was as follows:

"Prospect for large contract for British government for military clothing. Your manufacturers may consider it advisable to send a representative to Montreal, if so action urgent."

The telegram arrived in the city last night and in pursuance of its tenor, the local manufacturers were immediately informed and they are already actively prospecting the possibilities of sharing in the business.

C. H. Lugin, vice-president, presided over a well-attended meeting of the board of trade council this morning. It was the last meeting of the year and the proceedings took something of the nature of a "clean up" of the business left on the secretary's file.

Some months ago the board complained to the Great Northern railway handling Victoria city business over the V. & S. line in respect to inefficient freight service. Interim correspondence has been exchanged and after months of negotiation the board today received the following message from K. J. Burns, the assistant general freight agent:

"We have now been able to work out a new arrangement on less than car-load shipments destined to points on the mainland on our line whereby new arrangements in these shipments will give our friends in Victoria a much better service."

This was considered satisfactory by the board and a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Burns.

The question of trade reciprocity with Australia also formed another fruitful subject of discussion at the meeting and a resolution will be prepared and sent to the Australian chambers of commerce, pointing out the desirability of preferential trade between Canada and that country.

A matter communicated by the Calgary board of trade was dealt with this morning. It was recommended that an industrial branch be added to the department of the interior at Ottawa for the purpose of collecting and compiling data on Canadian natural resources. To this was added the suggestion that specimens of raw and finished products be assembled in London at some place accessible to manufacturers and financiers.

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## ECONOMISTS TO WAIT UPON FIRE WARDENS

The next organization which is to receive the attention of the Civic Retrenchment Association in its campaign for lower taxes is the fire wardens committee. A deputation will wait on the committee on Thursday.

As framed without the allowance for hydrant service, the estimates for the fire department for 1915 are about \$114,000, of which \$90,000 is for salaries. The salaries figure includes no automatic increases, but makes an allowance for the extra men required in order that all men may take a rest day at regular intervals.

There is \$24,000 for maintenance. The figure having been cut to the bone. No improvements in any section of the work of the department are allowed for.

The disputed point about the cost of the water for hydrants has not yet been settled. The figures have varied from \$22,000 to \$45,000 a year. The former figure being considered too high by the fire wardens, the latter reasonable by the water commissioner.

Some of the replies from various fire departments communicated with have been received. Regina makes a smaller charge than Victoria, the rate here being \$4 per hydrant per month. Vancouver fire department is not charged, while in Seattle hydrant charges are a local improvement charge against the property protected.

There is certain to be a fight before the department will agree to be charged a suggested figure of \$37,000. This figure would indicate in the eyes of the citizens a very expensive department to operate.

The mayor states that it is very doubtful if the Central Employment and Relief committee will be called to gether before next week. The holiday on Friday lessens the opportunity, and Saturday morning is not usually a satisfactory time to get the members, who are in the city for the day.

To-morrow afternoon there will be a meeting of the special committee appointed to consider a claim for rebate by Henry J. James, contractor, who worked on the Rorison block excavation. Mr. James contends that he was not in any way responsible for the serious damage done by the blasting there to the Causeway comfort station, which is the subject of an action now against the owner of the site. In such work the engineering department requires a deposit, and it is the return of this deposit he desires.

Another action arises from this excavation, through a horse and wagon backing down into the excavation, which was alleged to be insufficiently protected.

SEAMAN INJURED. Naval Reserve Man Caught Between Scow and Vessel at Naval Jetty: Ligaments Torn.

Crushed between the scow on which he was standing and a vessel at the jetty of the navy yard, Alfred Deans, ordinary seaman of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, who has been serving on the Rainbow, today received somewhat severe injuries.

The injured man was taken to the navy yard where he was examined by Dr. Boak, who found that some of the ligaments had been torn from the spine in the region of the kidneys. The actual extent of the injuries was not exactly determined, and the man's removal to one of the hospitals will probably follow. Meanwhile he is under the skilled care of the navy yard surgeon, Dr. Boak.

The wedding of A. Earl and Miss Louise Atkinson, of Victoria, which was to have taken place here, was celebrated instead in Seattle, where the happy pair are spending their honeymoon prior to continuing their journey to Portland, Oregon, where they will make their future home. Miss Louise Frances, of London, England, and Miss Hazel Bower, of Seattle, acted as bridesmaids.

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## SINGER HIGHLY PRAISED

Mrs. Macdonald Fahey Appeared Before Vancouver Audience Last Week.

Victoria's music-lovers are all familiar with Mrs. Macdonald Fahey's beautiful voice and none will be surprised to hear of the splendid notices which she has received in the press criticisms of Portland, Tacoma and Vancouver. In all of which cities she has appeared recently. Although one of the nearest neighboring cities, Vancouver only a few days ago heard this beautiful vocalist, now so well-known to all concert-goers here, for the first time, and one of the leading papers there, commenting on the performance of the "Messiah" given under the auspices of the Daughters of Empire in St. John's Church, speaks of her voice as, one of "dramatic intensity, rich and strong that the words of 'I know that My Redeemer Liveth' were given with a new immortality in Mrs. Fahey's singing." Another critic speaking of the same singer's interpretation of the great reflective aria says that she managed to express the complete unquestioning trust and magnificent repose of the sentiment.

Not quite so recently Mrs. Fahey sang for the Amphion society in Seattle, when she was again the subject of unqualified praise, her personality evidently pleasing her hearers no less than her voice, and the first solo being the well-known aria from "Aida." Other songs which won her favor were "The Blackbird Song," "A Memory," and "The Lovely Month of May." In Tacoma within the last fortnight, Mrs. Fahey also appeared in connection with the first concert of the Orpheus Club season, one of the critics pronouncing "her appearance as satisfying in every respect, personality, pose and sincerity to her art. A voice of rare quality, range and power, with the real grand opera calibre, swept the audience and set them clamoring for more." Victorians will also be interested to hear that at the last-named concert E. Howard Russell, also of this city, accompanied the brilliant soprano, and no doubt his sympathetic understanding of the singer's interpretation added not a little to the finished performance.

## MEETINGS

Government House Reception.—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will hold the usual New Year's reception at Government House on Friday afternoon from 3 to 6.

Development Association.—There was a meeting of the Victoria and Island Development association this afternoon to receive a report from the commissioner on his recent tour of eastern centers.

St. Paul's Brotherhood.—A meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will be held in the annex to-night at 8, when the interesting discussion which took place at the last meeting will be resumed. The subject is "On what basis should peace be accepted in the present European War?" Another large attendance is anticipated. All men will be made welcome.

St. Xavier's Entertainment.—The Christmas entertainment of St. Xavier's Sunday school will be held to-morrow evening at 8, in Semple's hall. There will be a good programme, including a little comedy, "Santa Claus Unraveled," and the historical play, "The Burgers of Calais." Patriotic songs and choruses will be sung. At the conclusion the prizes and gifts will be distributed.

Watch Night Service.—A watch night service will be held in the Royal Episcopal Church, corner of Humboldt street and Blanchard avenue, on Thursday evening at 11:30. The Rev. Dr. Clay will give a ten minute address and Rev. J. E. Inkster will conduct the devotional part of the service. Everyone is invited to unite with the congregation in earnest supplication to Almighty God for His blessing on the coming year.

Masquerade Dance.—The masquerade dance to be given by the "B.B.C." in Connaught hall on New Year's Eve is expected to be one of the social events of the season. The committee in charge has now completed all arrangements. Dancing will commence at 9 and only those masked will be allowed to dance until the Grand March about 11 p. m. A buffet supper will be served from 11. Mr. Mann's orchestra of five pieces has been engaged, and all the latest and catchiest of dance music will be rendered.

Centennial Entertainment.—To-morrow night the intermediate department of the Centennial Sunday school will have a supper at the church parlors at 7.45, to be followed by a Christmas entertainment in which Juniors and Intermediates will join. Mr. Moore, the well-known local ventriloquist, will furnish a large part of the entertainment which is to follow, and parents are invited to attend the proceedings with their children. The entertainment is free, but an offering will be taken up during the evening. All the Centennial Sunday school pupils will be expected to attend the Sunday school rally at the Metropolitan Methodist church on New Year's morning, and will meet first, at 9.45, at the Centennial church, where they will be met by motors lent by members of the congregation and conveyed to the Metropolitan church.

NORTHERN UNION RUGBY. London, Dec. 29.—Following are the results of Northern Union rugby games played to-day on the grounds of the first named clubs:— Hull, 65; Bradford, nil. Leigh, 7; Hull Kingston Rovers, nil. Leeds, 35; Warrington, nil.

Call of Fire.—Firemen from the Oak Bay hall were called this morning to a fire at 139 Beach drive, the residence of M. E. Miller. The outbreak was quickly checked.

There are nearly 7,000,000 white foreign-born males over the age of 21 years in the United States. About 400,000 of these are English and 60,000 Irish, the total from the United Kingdom being about 1,300,000. There are less than 60,000 French, about 80,000 Russian, and 1,300,000 Germans.

## REGIMENTAL BALL

Tickets for First Sergeants' Ball of 50th Highland Regiment in Great Demand.

Tickets are in great demand for the first annual sergeants' ball of the 50th Regiment Gordon Highlanders of Canada, to be held to-morrow night at the Alexandra hall, corner of the Union street and the Victoria street. The function is open to the general public. Among those who have intimated their intention of attending are his honor the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Barnard.

## FOR SALE—ACREAGE

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Single beds and furniture; rent \$7 per month. Apply Mrs. Douglas, Foster street, Esquimalt.

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## WHY do the crowds go to the Oak Bay Theatre?

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## FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

Olympia Ave., 12 rooms, per month	\$50.00	Fowl Bay Rd., 8 rooms, per month	\$45.00
Cecilia Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$30.00	1119 Stanley Ave., 5 rooms, per month	\$25.00
Herald St., 13 rooms, per month	\$50.00	1119 Stanley Ave., 5 rooms, per month	\$25.00
George House, 12 rooms, per month	\$50.00	Maddison St., 6 rooms, per month	\$40.00
Langford St., 9 rooms, per month	\$30.00	Runnymede Ave., 7 rooms, per month	\$45.00
Wellington St., 9 rooms, per month	\$30.00	Grant St., 6 rooms, per month	\$30.00
		Dallas road, 7 rooms, per month	\$50.00

## LOCAL NEWS

More Christmas Mail.—The old country mail which came in this morning consisted of 25 bags of letters and 13 bags of newspapers. The mail left the old land on December 15.

Plasterer's Union.—The local plasterers' union is holding a smoking concert in the Eagles' hall this evening. Invitations have been issued to the officers of the trades and labor council and the various local unions in the building trades.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been granted for alterations at the Variety theatre, to cost \$1,000; to Ormond brothers for alterations to the biscuit factory, Mary street, and to James S. Anderson for a private garage on Turner street.

Witness on Stretcher.—The informant in a police court case proceeding this afternoon was brought into court on a stretcher to give his evidence. The man is a Hindu and four of his compatriots are charged with doing grievous bodily harm. The victim is suffering, among other things, from a fractured leg and broken arm.

Officers Installed.—The following officers were installed by the Sons of St. George at their meeting last evening: Worthy president, H. Kelway; worthy vice-president, J. E. Page; worthy secretary, G. Penketh; worthy treasurer, H. Glass; worthy assistant secretary, R. Sutcliffe; worthy messenger, R. Miles; worthy assistant messenger, S. Kelway; worthy inside sentinel, F. Kelway. A very enjoyable social time followed. Solos and speeches formed the programme, after which refreshments were served by a capable committee.

Chinese Youths Charged.—"Too old to go to the reformatory and too young to be sent to jail." This was the description affixed this morning to two Chinese youths in the police court who were charged with stealing a pair of keys and an electric iron from the janitor of the Chinese school. The keys were found in the possession of the boys, but the theft of the iron was not proven. The charge against them was therefore dismissed. It transpired in the evidence that the youths had previously been brought over from Vancouver to answer a charge of theft.

Centennial Epworth League.—Almost the largest attendance of the year was present last evening at the Centennial Epworth league rally, Rev. Thomas Green occupying the chair, and the principal speaker of the evening being Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, who spoke eloquently and with great sincerity on the subject of "Citizenship." The address was a comprehensive survey of the social service responsibilities of the Christian, and deeply impressed his young hearers. Miss Jean McEwen during the evening recited "Wheeler Willcox" poem, "Resolved," which was quite in keeping with the main address of the evening.

Christmas Dinners Continue.—There are many friends here who honor the memory of the late Timothy D. Sullivan, "Big Tim," the senior partner in his lifetime of Sullivan & Considine, whose death took place since last Christmas. While he lived he always gave a Christmas dinner to hundreds of homeless men of New York, and it is interesting to learn that the custom is being kept up by his half-brother, Patrick H. Sullivan, and others of the organization which "Big Tim" was the chief political leader in New York's bowery district. Several hundred men enjoyed a good spread on Christmas day, and went away with an order for a new pair of shoes, just as when Mr. Sullivan was alive.

Self-control, however difficult at first, becomes step by step easier and more delightful.—Averbury

SOLDIERS RETURNING Men Who Have Been Spending Christmas at Home Are Getting Back to Camp Life.

The camp at the Willows is beginning to assume its normal appearance after the Christmas holiday, and this morning the regular routine of drills began again. These will go on with only the intermission for the New Year Day holiday until the battalion moves to the east for embarkation.

The night steamer from Vancouver, as well as the late afternoon boat yesterday, brought over a great number of soldiers who had been spending the holiday with their families at points in the interior. It has been arranged that any of the men who had to stay in camp over Christmas will get away for the New Year if they desire to go. The same arrangement is being made for the men of the navy and dock-yard.

There was a good muster of the members of the drill hall last night, and the men were put through company and battalion drill by their officers. They presented a fine appearance.

No parade of the Victoria Volunteer Guard and National Reserve of Canada will be held to-night or on Thursday. The next parade will be held on Tuesday evening next.

## OBITUARY RECORD

The death took place this morning of Ernest Moll. The deceased was 52 years of age and was born in France. He had been a resident of this city for the past four months and for some years he was a resident of St. James.

The funeral will take place on Thursday at 8.45 o'clock from the chapel of the Sands Funeral Home. Services will be held at St. Andrew's cathedral.

The funeral of Eva Beatrice Byers, infant daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Wm. Byers, took place this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. from the parents' residence at 239 Sidney. Funeral arrangements were in the hands of the Sands Funeral Home.

The death occurred at an early hour this morning at her home, 2007 Quadra street, of Mrs. Mary Ann Pardo, who was 51 years of age. She was born in Suffolk, England. The deceased, who was the widow of Charles Thomas Pardo, had been a resident of this city for the past 45 years and was highly respected by all who knew her. She is survived by three daughters and one son. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 o'clock from the above residence, where the Rev. F. A. Chadwick will officiate. The late Mr. Pardo was a gunsmith, and carried on business in the city for several years.

The death took place yesterday of Fred White. Born in Liverpool, Eng., he was 43 years old and had been a resident of this city for a number of years. The deceased is survived by a niece, Miss White, who is with the Boston Stock Company, and a sister-in-law in Seattle. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel of the Sands Funeral Home, where the Rev. F. H. Fatt will officiate.

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When the schools reopen on Monday after the holiday, there will be some changes in the personnel of the staff, though the intention with regard to Oaklands school when the inspector strikes the list of assignments to the various schools is to allot an acting principal till the new board is elected. A first assistant will be promoted probably from one of the other schools. It is improbable that there will be any immediate appointment to Margaret Jenkins' school when it is ready for occupation as the precedent adopted at Quadra will probably be followed, and

REOPENING MONDAY City Schools Are Preparing for Term; Oaklands School Principals to Be Filled Later.

When the schools reopen



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## STANDARD LEAD IS FOREMOST FEATURE

Gained Ten Cents a Share on Victoria Stock Exchange This Morning

Travellers went back quickly, and with offers unchanged. Standard lead quotations rose sharply ten cents. The investment inquiry in this issue was the foremost feature of the local list.

The balance of the roster signified an unchanged condition. Prices for the most part continued to mark time for want of some fresh impetus to impel feeling. News is favorable for the Portland Canal, but with so much restraint otherwise apparent, advance movements in any one stock are naturally hampered.

Bid	Asked
Alaska Gold	10.00
B. C. Refining Co.	35
C. N. P. Copper Co.	35
C. N. P. Fisheries	35
Coronation Gold	42
Lakeview Zinc	42
McGillivray Coal	18
Nugget Gold	22
Perseus	61
Portland Cement	10
Standard Lead	120
Stewart M. & D.	40
Stewart Star	35
S. S. Island Creamery	6.00
Stewart Land	7.50

## WHEAT AT WINNIPEG CLOSED HIGHER TO-DAY

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Following the sharp break of yesterday prices were today comparatively steady. Fluctuations being within narrow limits. Winnipeg wheat opened unchanged to 1 cent higher, and higher and flux unchanged to 1 cent lower.

Many holders sold out yesterday and were paying back to-day which caused a firm undertone. The export trade continues active, good sales were obtained to be worked to-day and a commencement has been made with all rail shipments in both wheat and oats. Cash trading is insignificant, only a few cases of various grains being offered, and the demand was about equal to the offerings. Inspections on Monday totalled 256 cars as against 24 last year, and in sight on Tuesday there were 15 cars. During the last hour heavy buying was reported in the Chicago market by Armour and Patterson firms, and over 1,000,000 bushels were said to be worked for export, which caused a sharp rise in values. Winnipeg followed in sympathy.

Winnipeg wheat futures closed 1/2 to 1 1/2 higher, cash closed 1/2 higher, and contract grades. Oats closed 1/2 to 1 higher. Flax closed 1/2 to 1 higher.

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If higher, cash closed 1 1/2 higher for		
contract grades. Oats closed 1/2 to 3		
higher and 1/2 to 1 up.		
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## NO FLOWERS TO BE SOLD

City Council Refuses to Permit Sale of Articles at Market Which Are Not Necessaries.

The city council spent an hour last evening on the market by-law and passed the measure to the limit possible at a single meeting. The most important clause, which limits the class of produce to be sold in the inside market to "food products" of the garden, dairy, greenhouse, nursery or farm, cuts out the sale of flowers from the market after to-morrow.

This course is being taken largely in deference to the wishes of the florists, who previously lodged a protest against the city disposing of nursery stock, although it was given away and not sold. The new rule, however, will take away from the market one of its most pleasing features, one which was rapidly developing.

In response to the wish of stallholders themselves, the stalls will be allowed to be held for periods of three months at a stretch before lots are drawn for them again.

Holding the market has not yet reached the stage when it can support the community, the aldermen struck out a clause which was designed to prevent the peddling of articles in Victoria (except milk and cream) before 11 a. m. on days on which there is a produce market held in the city.

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## DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL BUREAU

City Council Has Offer of Voluntary Service From Unknown Gentleman

The city council last evening adopted the principle of establishing a bureau of registration for relief cases in the Market building, and decided that "the city council should appoint some competent person to manage the central bureau, at a salary to be decided on at a later date."

The committee's report ran in part: "We have had an offer from one gentleman to give his service in this capacity, free, until such time as the said bureau is properly organized. Your committee would recommend that the principle of the establishment of a central bureau be adopted, the details to be worked out by the executive committee appointed at a meeting held in the city hall on December 13 last."

Alderman Porter declared that the difficulty of finding an efficient had been one of the chief drawbacks so far and by this voluntary offer the problem had been met.

It was decided to thank the man indicated, whose identity was not disclosed. Without committing itself to the principle of aiding the Salvation Army wood-cutting project the council voted \$50 to the Salvation Army. Alderman McNeill stated that the finance committee had recommended it because the scheme was saving the city expenses for relief of indigent men.

In a subway crowd not long ago, a New York man was "touched" for his watch. The watch was not intrinsically valuable, but the New York man wanted it back for sentimental reasons and inserted diverse advertisements in the papers, offering \$50 for the return of the watch and "no questions asked." The "dip" who had "lifted" the watch saw the advertisements and concluded to take the \$50. He called on the New York man, handed him the timepiece, and demanded the reward. The owner of the watch was only too happy to give it to him. After examining the watch he returned it to his pocket and handed over five ten-dollar bills. The "dip" pocketed the money and departed. There was little said. A few minutes later the New York man reached for his watch. But it was gone.

## PANTAGES HAS GOOD BILL

Company of Girl Dancers and Singers Are Headliners, and All Acts Are of the Best.

In the bill which is being offered at Pantages theatre this week Manager Rice has a winner, and there are certain to be crowded houses at every performance while it is here.

The headliners are the American Whirlwind Beauties, a galaxy of young and pretty singers and dancers. Their act is one of the most admirable of its kind seen here for a long time, and it was thoroughly appreciated by the audiences which saw it last evening. It is beautifully staged as to scenery and costuming, the latter being decidedly artistic. The members of the company do a good deal of dancing in a very graceful style, and the star of them all does a novelty turn before the curtain while a change is being made which stamps her as an artist.

The comedy-bicycle act of the Baker troupe is one of the most laugh-provoking that can be imagined. There are five in the company, the three men being all expert riders and just as amusing as comedians. The varieties of wheels on which they disport themselves is endless. The act winds up with a burlesque dance in which all the members of the company take part, each one having as partner a funny figure. This makes a very delightful ending. While the act opens the show for stage reasons it is nearer a headliner in merit.

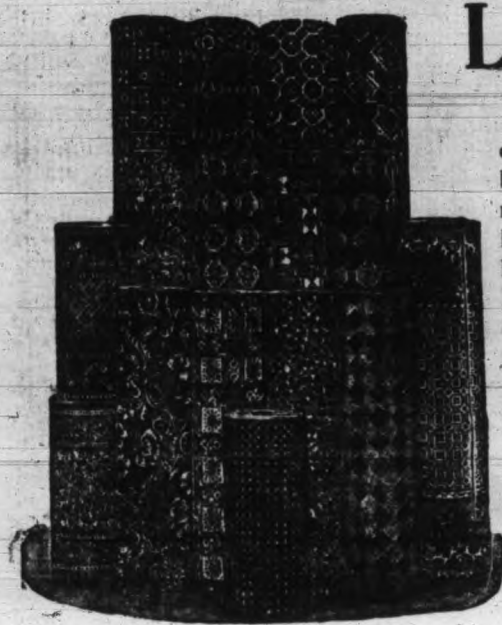
Cora Simpson and company—the company having no inconsiderable part in the success of the playlet—appear in a farcical sketch, "We Want Our Rights," in which they make all that can be out of the farcical features of a woman running for office. The husband has old-fashioned notions against the partaking of women in politics, and fantasizes all the well-worn masculine arguments in a manner to bring a laugh from friend and opponent of the movement alike. Miss Simpson makes a charming suffragette and acts her part well.

Madame Rent and Signor Ballinger sing several operatic selections in Italian and French, and in all are heard to supreme advantage. O'Neal and Wainwright have a talking act that is something out of the ordinary and that is clean, honest humor all the way through. They get into a quarrel with the orchestra that is a decidedly laughable bit of work.

An excellent bill is rounded off with the orchestral selections and a comedy film that is a knockout.

Willie—Paw, what is bravery? Paw—Bravery is something that makes a man lose the use of his legs when he wants to run, my son.

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